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SHIP AFIRE.

IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

The "Lingnam" Fortune Escape.

Shortly before midnight last night, a conflagration started on the s.s. Lingnam, lying in Hong Kong harbour, which for a time threatened to assume serious proportions. The vessel, which is owned by the Ching Wah Navigation Company and is employed in the South American trade, via Australia.

The fire appears to have started in the furnaces and is said to have been caused by leakage of gasoline waste. The vessel is an oil-burner, the danger was immediately sensed by all aboard, and help was at once summoned. The Fire Brigade soon came along, with two of their floats, and the Empress of Canada and the Empress of Asia rendered efficient help by sending pumps and fire extinguishers on board. Luckily, the fire was under control at about 12.30 a.m., and damage done not being very serious. Fortunately, there were no casualties.

The Lingnam has already commenced loading cargo again, and the manager of the Company, Mr. Charles W. Mok, states that the vessel will sail on the 6th inst., in accordance with schedule.

Other details supplied by the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade (Mr. Brooks) show that a fire broke out in the forward stokehold, where oil which had accumulated in the pipes between the boilers and the tanks was involved. Great difficulty was experienced in getting a hose from the No. 1 fireboat to the spot affected, owing to the tight quarters, but eventually it was done and the stokehold was flooded with water. Little damage was done, this being largely confined to the stokehold, and the flames originated. The fire is attributed to the over-heating of the boiler or to a back-draw therefrom.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

WU PEI-FU'S ARMS AND TROOPS.

Hankow, Jan. 2.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu is remaining at Tachimen station. His troops are now estimated at over a thousand.

His train carries five goods cars, said to be laden with arms and ammunition.—*Reuter.*

A MOVE THAT FAILED.

Shanghai, Jan. 3.

Reports from Sunksiang indicate that General Ghon Lo-hsan's movement against Gen. Sun Chuan-fang has been practically dissipated, and that there are possibilities of the trouble ending within a day or two.

General Sun Chuan-fang has gained the advantage by first attacking, and appears to have retained it in subsequent fighting which has not been serious.—*Reuter.*

A RESTRICTED AMNESTY.

Peking, Jan. 2.

A mandate grants an amnesty to all prisoners excepting ex-President Tsao Kun, who must face a public trial. The Members of Parliament concerned in Tsao Kun's election, who will be placed before the forthcoming national conference, and offenders charged with robbery, murder, rape, arson and breaking the dykes, are also excepted.

The mandate says the disturbances during the last thirteen years and the abuses for which the military have been responsible, have resulted in the de-stabilization of the people, and many persons have been led to offend against the laws.

A general amnesty is proclaimed to mark the epochal event in the lives of the people and in the history of the Chinese Republic.

Another mandate abolishes the College of Marshals.—*Reuter.*

LIMCHOW FALLS.

FLIGHT OF OFFICIALS.

New Troops Arrive on Scene.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Limchow, Dec. 27.

The Christmas season has seen another change of government here, but happily it has, so far, been accomplished without very much bloodshed in the immediate neighbourhood of the city, though there has been stern fighting not far away. When the victors of last year's fighting, who came as opponents of the Sun Yat-sen regime, about four months ago made peace with that party, one of the three leaders stood out against the change, and took up a hostile attitude. Whether this shows that he was a man of higher principles than the others, one cannot say. This General, Tan Poon-yan, has remained with his forces somewhere to the east of Limchow, in the north of the Luichow Peninsula, not far from Onpo. For some weeks there have been rumours of fighting out that way, but nothing very certain was known about it.

Last Monday (Dec. 22) the fighting was said to be getting nearer, but it was quite a surprise when, on Tuesday morning, all the officials of Limchow ran away with General Lam Chan-teng at their head. They fled in the early hours of the morning, and all through the forenoon there was a constant procession of Lai-tsai (the pirate families of Luichow, hired as soldiers), in at the East Gate of the city and out at the West Gate, going on to Chung Kong How.

AN EXPLOSION.

The shops remained shut all day, but there was no disturbance. The only looting done was in the deserted Yamen, from which the local poor people removed all that was left behind, in the customary way. Soon after mid-day three men poking round the Military Yamen found a small store of gunpowder and accidentally blew themselves up with it. One of them was killed at once, one lingered on for some hours in agony with all his clothes and skin burnt off him, while the third was able to get away. The retreating army of Lai-tsai looked more like beggars than soldiers, many being dressed in blankets, and all with very ragged clothes. According to their custom, there were many women and children with them, and several load-carriers took away idols in gilded wooden boxes with glass fronts.

PRISONERS SET FREE.

All through the afternoon there was a lull; the city was without any responsible authority in power, and people were wondering what was going to happen next. The merchants had early sent a deputation to General Tang Poon Yan asking him to come on quickly to take control of the city, and about 5 p.m. the advance guard of the victors came in and took possession, greatly to the relief of the citizens, who had feared an attack by brigands in their defenceless condition. Three or four of the retreating Lai-tsai, who had lost their way, had the misfortune to encounter the newcomers and were promptly shot, but there was no fighting. One of the first acts of the newcomers was to liberate prisoners from the jail, and I saw several of them walking away down the main street with the chains still on their legs, presumably going to a blacksmith to have them taken off.

Next day, all day long, soldiers poured into the city, and, in marked contrast to the rabble that had fled, these men looked quite businesslike, in proper uniforms, and armed mostly with pistols with long wooden stocks, of the kind that is popular in Chinese armies. Walking through the streets that evening, I saw the new soldiers spending money freely, paying for what they took; the barbers, especially, did a roaring trade, and a good deal of

WEST RIVER PIRATES.

BEING WATCHED BY NAVY.

Pirates still continue to show some activity on the river between Hongkong and Kongmoon, but thanks to British naval vigilance, they have not recently been able to effect any big coups.

On New Year's Day, a Japanese steam launch arrived at Kongmoon after an attempted piracy by eighteen of her passengers. The pirates got away with very little loot, because the launch had hardly any cargo aboard and her passengers were not of the wealthy class. H. M. S. Moorhen afterwards escorted the launch from Kongmoon to Yung Koo.

H. M. S. Robin sank two pirate launches which she surprised near the Sailam Channel not very long ago.

A rumour current amongst Chinese shipping people is that West River pirates have sent letters to native shipowners of the Hongkong-Wuchow run demanding \$1,000 "safe conduct" money from each boat. Local companies, when approached by our representative, neither confirmed nor denied the report.

WUCHOW NEWS.

STATE OF THE RIVER.

A correspondent writing us from Wuchow under date of December 30 states that the Kwong Fook Cheong on the previous Sunday went ashore a few miles below Wuchow, where the vessel should have been in twice her draught, which was less than a ship's length from where she stuck. On Christmas day, owing to some unknown cause, the Kwong Ying, when bound down stream, struck a rock on the port side close to a well-marked channel and had to be beached; whilst on Sunday the Shing Cheong, when in the same vicinity, kept too far on the other side and grounded on the sand. So that at one time there were three steamers aground in sight of one another.

The writer states that it is not correct that the Wuchow Harbour Master is residing temporarily at Do Sing, but in order to facilitate shipping a Customs Station in charge of a foreign officer has been established there. He will supervise the lightening of vessels to allow them to cross the Second Bar, and also the shipment of cargo sent down by boat from Wuchow.

Reports that the water is lower than for ten years are not quite true, previous figures being:—February, 1917, eleven inches below zero; March, 1918, one foot two inches below zero; February, 1920 two inches below zero; December, 1924, eleven inches below zero.

Other ships than the Gon and the Dilly now reach Wuchow, as there are arrivals every day from Hongkong and Canton, draught at present being limited to 7 feet 6 inches.

PURSUIT CONTINUES.

Christmas Day passed quietly, and before evening some of the soldiers were leaving their billets in private houses, schools, and temples, and were going on again in pursuit of Lam Chan-teng. It is said that the latter may get help from Kwangsi to win back his little kingdom, but meanwhile Limchow is quite happy as long as present conditions last. Of General Shan Po-Fan nothing is known at present; it has been said that he went away to Yamchow some weeks ago, in order to avoid the shame of fighting against his old friend Tang Poon-yan, who came to his aid last year, and helped him to win his present position, before Lam Chan-teng appeared on the scene at all.

WILD WEATHER.

AMERICAN COAST ALSO AFFECTED.

SEVERAL SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

Lewes, Delaware, Jan. 2.

A fire aboard the Clyde liner Mohawk has been extinguished after exciting scenes.

The fire started in the after hold and spread to the after saloon. The 270 passengers donned life-belts in readiness to take to the lifeboats. A high gale and driving snowstorm forced the vessel to take refuge in Delaware Bay. Five tugs went to assist her, and a cutter finally took off the passengers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Lewes, later.

The Mohawk has been beached here.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MISSING VESSELS.

Mexico City, Jan. 2.

Attempts are being made to locate the steamship Tamsulipas, with two hundred passengers aboard; also five schooners, which left Vera Cruz on Dec. 23 for Gulf ports.

It is feared all have been lost in gales.—*Reuter.*

GLEN LINER'S S.O.S.

London, Jan. 2.

An event of the gale on the British coast was a Hastings wireless amateur picking up a S.O.S. from the Glen liner Glensanda, bound from Shanghai for Hamburg, stating that she was drifting and out of control thirty miles south of Beaufort Head; with a crew of sixty, including many Chinese.

A tug is proceeding from Newhaven to assist the vessel, which later wirelesses saying she did not require assistance for the present.—*Reuter.*

HEAVY SNOWFALL.

London, Jan. 2.

Like England, New York has been the victim of the wildest weather, snow driven by a sixty-mile-an-hour gale rapidly filling the streets and rendering walking virtually impossible. Six thousand snow plough workers are mobilised, but it is expected the snow will be some six inches deep to-night, making suburban dwellers' homing a difficult task.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MOTOR CAR FREE.

THIS WEEK'S COUPONS.

Readers taking part in our Motor Car Competition are reminded that their coupons for this week must be sent into this office not later than Wednesday, 7th instant. The last of the coupons for this week appears on Page 4 of this issue.

Competitors can send in as many solutions of each skeleton word as they choose, but each must be on a separate coupon. They can even "plump" for one word each day, if they so desire, forwarding several coupons with the same solution on it, and if this happens to be the correct word they will get one point credited for each coupon sent in.

Once more we wish to assure our readers that they need not seek for out-of-the-way words, as no effort is being made to render the Competition difficult in this way. The words selected are in all instances simple ones. The simpler you make your solutions, the better will be your chance of winning one of the three big prizes offered.

TO-DAY.

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"CELEBRATING" THE NEW YEAR.

TWO JAPANESE IN TROUBLE.

The New Year seemed to have been celebrated with more than the usual amount of enthusiasm by certain members of the Japanese colony, for three of them were brought up before the Central Magistrate this morning, charged with breaches of the peace. In one case, Fukuyama Haryoshi, whilst in the condition produced by liquor, walked into a tailor's shop at Loetung Street, ripped up half-a-dozen jackets and threw the top of a sewing machine out of the window. Not content with this, he stabbed the tailor in the forearm. After those details had been given by Sgt. O'Donovan, who had been summoned post-haste to the district, Mr. J. R. Wood to-day imposed a sentence of one month's hard labour on the charge of stabbing, and for damaging the tailor's property his Worship ordered that a sum of \$40 be paid over to the tailor as compensation, with a further \$10 for personal injury. Failing the payment of these sums, his Worship said that another sentence of a month was to be served.

Yano Shoji, a merchant, was in festive mood when he called on certain of his compatriots at another house in Loetung Street. They offered him sake. He declined, and had the bad taste to throw the liquor about. He was already become quarrelsome to the extent that he broke the furniture of the place and was at length put out by a servant. Returning later with a knife, he ramped all over the floor until the arrival of Sgt. O'Donovan brought some measure of sobriety. As it was, he was charged before Mr. N. L. Smith, at the Police Court this morning when it was explained to him that drunkenness was no excuse in the English law. He was fined \$25 for possession of the dagger and a similar sum was ordered to be paid over as compensation to the complainant for the damage done to his furniture.

TO COMBAT COMMUNISM.

STERN SERBIAN MEASURES.

Belgrade Jan. 2.

A first-class political sensation has been created by a Government decree ordering the dissolution of the Radich Croatian peasants' party, on the ground that the party has allied itself with Communism.

The decree orders the confiscation of the party's archives and the immediate arrest of the executive, and forbids its members to hold posts in the public services or enter Parliament.—*Reuter.*

SOUTH AFRICAN TEST.

A CLOSE MATCH.

Durban, Jan. 2.

The weather was hot, and there was a small attendance on the Test being resumed. The wicket was good.

Mr. Joel's eleven scored 285, Nupen taking 5 for 65.

South Africa replied with 206 for 7, Taylor contributing 109, not out.—*Reuter.*

HOME "SOCCER".

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, Jan. 2.

In the Northern section of the Third Division of the English Football League, to-day's matches resulted as follows:—

Ashington... 4 Rochdale... 3

Darlington... 3 Halifax Town 0

—*Reuter.*

MIXED GRILL

ASHLEY STERN.

ARTIST OF TWISTED TALES.

From an account of the recent London Society Cage Bird Show I learn that the fashionable colour for canaries is no longer yellow but white. This intelligence, I fear, will greatly perturb late purchasers of yellow canaries who were not advised of the coming change in fashion, and now find themselves stuck with unfashionable birds. This suggests to me that a lucrative livelihood is awaiting the person who can devise a safe and speedy method of bleaching canaries, and to this end I have been consulting my learned and esteemed friend, Professor Barmion Crumppott, F. Z. S., who has for many years been experimenting to remove the ugly black stripes from zebras. He tells me, however, that there is no bleaching agent known that can be administered to canaries without making them cough and seriously impairing their voices, and suggests that a more satisfactory method would be to frighten them severely, when they would probably turn white in a single night.

He further informs me that he has tried this method with his experimental Zebra with not altogether unfavourable results; but as the creature has now grown accustomed to his sudden pouncing out from behind doors and shouting 'Boo!' it now suffers his efforts without turning a hair.

A recent invention for use in the kitchen is a device for lifting down jars from the top shelves of the larder and pantry. A lady friend of mine whose attention I directed to the matter informs me that for some years she has possessed an infallible one. He is at present in bed with the measles.

Fair pillion-rider: That was a big building we just passed!

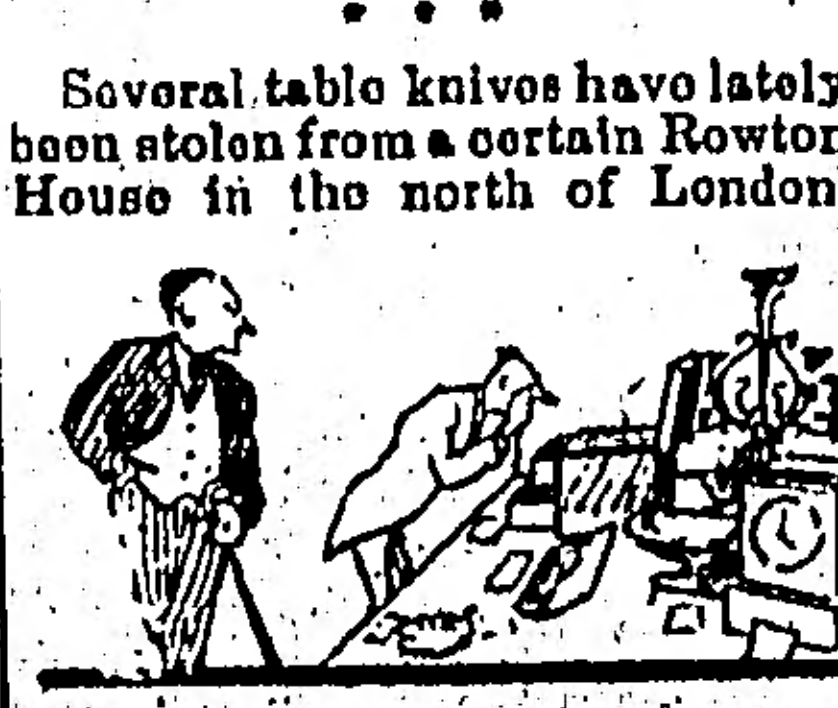
The scorcher: Big building? That was Manchester!

An esteemed contemporary has been offering prizes to its readers for the best authenticated instances of absentmindedness. I have refrained from entering the competition because the idea of winning money through the unfortunate mental lesion of a friend is repugnant to me; here are the facts.

I one day entered the American bar at Romano's, and there encountered an old schoolfellow whom I hadn't seen for years. At his urgent invitation I agreed to join him in a cocktail. In due course the shaker handed over the invigorating fluid, when, without an instant's hesitation, my friend plunged his hand into his pocket and gave the man half-a-crown.

What! you don't see it? Well, perhaps I ought to have mentioned before that I went to school at Aberdeen.

Several table knives have lately been stolen from a certain Rowton House in the north of London.



It is rumoured that detectives are closely scrutinising the pre-

sents displayed at fashionable weddings.

A fashion journal states that the winter season's costumes are to be a blend of several different materials. Thank heaven, my office coat will be in fashion at last!

I have just heard a story of the recent Rat Week. A man entered a tramcar, bearing a closed wicker basket into which he kept taking anxious peeps at frequent intervals. His behaviour aroused the curiosity of a passenger sitting opposite, who, at length unable to restrain his inquisitiveness, leant across and asked his fellow-traveller what the basket contained.



"It's like this," said the owner of the basket. "I've got a brother who's bin took bad and badter goter bad, and he's bin complainin' that 'e's overrun with rats, wot come and sit on the bedposts and gnash their teeth at 'im. This bein' Rat Week I'm takin' this 'ere mongoose along o' me to kill 'em for 'im."

"But," said the inquisitive one, with a superior smile, "those rats your brother sees aren't real rats, you know."

"Well, between ourselves," the other remarked, "nor ain't this a real mongoose."

If you missed the opening chapter of my splendid new serial story you can start reading it to-day. It won't make any difference. So masterly is its construction that you can commence reading it at any time, in any place. You can read it backwards, sideways, upside down. It is just as intelligible as when read in the usual manner.

KNOCK-KNEED KNORA:

(or, the Girl who took the Wrong Umbrella.)

SYNOPSIS OF CHAPTER 1.

Lord Hammond Egg, a dishonest taploca broker, has fallen violently in love with his ward,

Gwladys Goop, a beautiful girl, but a secret drinker of cod-liver oil, a vice to which she has been introduced by the sinister

Wun Long Kow, a Chinese chopstick-polisher, who runs a Man-Jongg hall. Gwladys is seen leaving his premises by Percy Pilech, a dashing young athlete, who is Captain of the Y.M.C.A. spelling-bee team. He seeks to woo Gwladys from the deadly drag by giving her a blood-orange, but in doing so is knocked down by a runaway steam-roller.

CHAPTER 11.

Marmaduke Mivvets made no reply, but merely laughed as he handed his aunt into the waiting motorcar, though why he laughed he could not say.

(Nor can I at the moment. The synopsis has taken up so much space that I have no room for any more this week. But look out for a specially long and thrilling instalment next week!)

"One of the greatest curses of modern life," says a writer on economics, "is the multiplication of public officials." I've just been checking my income tax assessment and feel constrained to add that another great curse is their compound addition.

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MOTOR BUS ACCIDENT.

DEFENDANTS' STORIES.

The manslaughter case, in which
a driver and an inspector of the Kai
Tack Motor Bus Company are
charged with having killed an old
man in a recent bus accident, was
concluded before Mr. E. W.
Hamilton at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy yesterday afternoon.Mr. N. I. Brower appeared for
the first defendant and the second
defendant was represented by Mr.
D. McCallum.After hearing further evidence
for the prosecution, both the
defendants gave evidence.Tam Wah, the driver, said that
the inspector came to the seat in
the front of the bus and said that
he wanted to test the vehicle.
Witness refused and the second
defendant caught hold of the wheel
and pushed him away from his
seat. He at once realised that
there was the possibility of danger
in the inspector's action and he
got up, only to find that the
bus was already on its down
ward flight into the stream.
It had swerved to the right as soon
as he was pushed. A look at the
inspector's face showed that he
was frightened and he turned the
car to the left again. Witness had
the intention of taking the wheel
and continuing to drive the bus,
but he had not time in which to
prevent the accident as the
inevitable had happened.Cross-examined by Mr. Mc-
Callum, the driver said that he
had been driving that particular
bus for a couple of months and had
occasionally complained of the
steering wheel being out of order.
His complaints had been made to
the officers of the Company.
He had complained to the second
defendant regarding the steering
gear on the very morning of the
accident.Mr. McCallum: Where, in fact,
did you complain to him about the
bad state of the steering gear?Witness: When he came to the
front of the bus prior to the ac-
cident.He had complained that the
steering gear was slack. The com-
plaint was made to the inspector
because he was a superior officer.

Inspector's Evidence.

The inspector, examined by Mr.
McCallum, said that in view of the
complaint made by the driver he
went to the front of the bus and
watched him drive. The vehicle
swerved to such an extent that
he lost his balance and fell,
catching the wheel with one hand
and the seat with the other. The
bus then went into the stream.Answering the Magistrate,
witness said the driver was
occupying only half of his seat.
He did not stand up at all, prior
to the accident. Witness did not,
on any occasion, drive the bus to
examine it, as to its being in
order. When he touched the wheel
of the bus he did not intend
turning it back on to its original
course, but the action was done
by an involuntary movement from
sheer terror.Cross-examined by Mr. Brower,
the inspector said that he had not
driven a bus before, nor had he
ever asked a driver to let him drive
a bus.Mr. Brower: Did you say you
wanted to test the bus, as
stated by the driver?Witness: I did not say that
I wanted to test the bus. He
complained of something being
wrong and I only told him to drive
the bus while I had a look.Another witness has told us that
you asked him to let you drive.
No, I did not say that. The only
time I put my hand on the
steering wheel, was at the moment
the bus was crossing the road.Witness denied having pushed
the driver from his seat. What he
did was only to lean against the
partition behind the driver. He
did sit down on the seat as stated
by other witnesses.Asked why the driver should be
sitting on only half of the seat,
witness replied that he supposed
that the driver had moved in order
to permit him to test the bus.This concluded the defence. The
solicitors addressed the Bench at
some length.His Worship then remarked that
it was only for him to commit the
defendants if he thought there was
a prima facie case made out. He
was of the opinion that there was,
and he would commit both men to
take their trial at the next Criminal
Sessions.SOUTH AFRICAN
CRICKET.

THE SECOND "TEST."

Durban, Jan. 1.
The second unofficial cricket
Test match opened in sultry wea-
ther, on a good wicket. The at-
tendance was moderate.
Mr. Joel's eleven scored 285 for
9, Bowley contributing 118.
Reuter.

THE SECOND TEST.

A RECORD TOTAL.

Melbourne, Jan. 2.
Australia were all out for 600,
a record total. Ponsford scored
128 and Victor Richardson 138.
There were 47,000 present to-
day, in glorious weather, with
many coatless. The wicket played
perfectly.The not out pair (Ponsford 128
and Victor Richardson 39) re-
sumed. Ponsford had not added
to his score when he was bowled
by Tate. He had batted for three
hours and 42 minutes, a brilliant
innings. He hit only six fours,
but received a terrific ovation
5-301-128. Victor Richardson,
partnered by Kelleway, continued.
His driving was masterly. He
batted in all for three hours and
fourteen minutes, hit thirteen
fours, and dominated the scoring.
He received a prolonged ovation
when he was run out, a brilliant
retreat from Chapman. 6-424-138.
Hartkopf was next in and Kelle-
way's dismissal made seven for
439, 7-439-32.Gregory played dashing, hit-
ting six fours in his 44. 8-499-44.Oldfield joined Hartkopf, who
went at 599. He had played ex-
cellent cricket, batting for two
hours and 46 minutes, and hitting
eight boundaries. 9-599-80.There was cyclonic cheering
when Malley scored a single off
his first ball, hoisting the 600.The previous best was Eng-
land's 589 at Melbourne in 1912,
and Australia's 586 at Sydney in
1924.The English fielding was good,
but the bowling tired and was in-
nocuous, except for that of Tate
and Gilligan.The gate receipts totalled
£4,699.

Detailed scores follow:

Australia.—First Innings.
Bardsley, c Strudwick b Gil-
ligan 19
Collins, c Strudwick, b Tate 9
Arthur Richardson, run out ... 1
Ponsford, b Tate 128
Taylor, run out 72
Victor Richardson, run out ... 138
Kelleway, c Strudwick, b Gil-
ligan 32
Hartkopf, c Chapman, b Gil-
ligan 39
Gregory, c Gilligan, b Tate ... 44
Oldfield, not out 1
Malley, l.b.w. Douglas 1
Extras 24

Total 600

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PASSENGERS.SOME WELL KNOWN
PEOPLE.The President Taft arriving from
Manila on Thursday carried quite
a few well known people among
whom were the following.Major L. H. Hedrick, Judge
Advocate of the U. S. Army,
returning to the United States for
his next assignment via San
Francisco, Dr. and Mrs. A. A. M.
Groot returning to their home in
Denmark via the United States.
Dr. Groot is the physician to the
Bataafsch Petroleum Mij., of
Java, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pardee
returning to New York via Hong-
kong and Europe. Mr. Pardee is
President of the Manila Electric
Co. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook for
Hongkong. Mr. Cook is special
lecturer and Conference leader of
the Y. M. C. A. in the Far East.

JUNK ROBBED.

FISHER WOMAN SHOT.

An armed robbery took place on
the evening of New Year's day on
a fishing junk at Lantau, a Chinese
woman named Chan Yau being
injured and a quantity of jewel-
lery, some money and two guns,
valued in all at \$1,152, being
stolen.The junk was lying off Lantau
engaged in fishing at the time of
the raid which was carried out
by five men who approached the
vessel asking to be allowed to buy
fish. Told there was none for
sale, one of the men produced a
rifle, firing at the woman, injuring
her on the forehead.Climbing aboard the junk the
men sailed it off westward and
having made their search left it
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VOLUNTEER TRAINING
CAMP.CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S
APPEAL.Over the signature of Mr. M. F.
Key, the Acting Secretary, the
following circular letter has been
sent to the members of the Hong-
kong General Chamber of Com-
merce:The Chamber was recently asked
to recommend that an addi-
tional Bank Holiday be declared
on a Saturday in this month in
order to facilitate attendance at
the Volunteer Training Camp,
which is to be held this year on
two successive week ends, viz.,
from Friday evening, January
7, to Sunday evening, January
16th to Sunday evening 18th.It was felt that, with China New
Year following so closely upon
the Christmas and New Year holi-
days, the Committee could not
conscientiously recommend the
Government to declare an addi-
tional holiday in January. Though
impelled by business considera-
tions to take this view, the
Chamber trusts that Firms will
do their utmost to make arrange-
ments whereby a maximum num-
ber of men can attend both of the
week-end camps and thus gain
the fullest advantage from this
annual opportunity for intensive
training. The Volunteer Force
has made such encouraging pro-
gress this year in regard to num-
bers that a small attendance at
Camp would be a most disappoint-
ing set-back.It is specially requested by the
Commandant that men who can be
spared may be notified as soon
as possible, so that they can send
in their names and thus facilitate
the making arrangements.
The Chamber confidently looks
to its Members to give the Officers
and Men of the Volunteer Defence
Corps the heartiest support and
encouragement in this matter.

GOLF.

FANLING COMPETITION
RESULTS.The following are the results of
the Special medal round played at
Fanling on Christmas Day and the
competitions on New Year's Day.—
Xmas Day—Special Medal
round: A. Leach, 83-12=71.
New Year's Day—Mixed four-
somes:Mr. and Mrs. A. B.
Stewart 81-8=73
Mr. and Mrs. W. Lang 93-15=78
Mr. and Mrs. Mc
Elderry 97-10=81
Mr. and Mrs. G. Mur-
ray 91-10=81
Mrs. A. D. Humphreys
and T. O. Monaghan, 99-15=84
Mr. and Mrs. F. Taylor 103-18=85
Men's Bogey:
Lieut. Col. E. D. Mat-
thews (10) 6 up
Eldon Potter (14) 8 up
A. H. Ferguson all square

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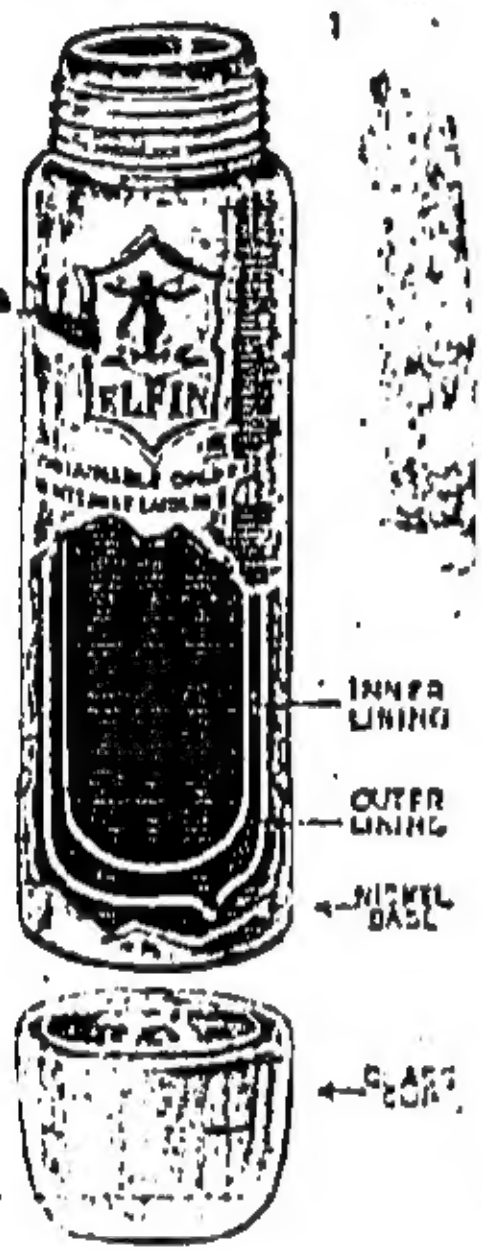
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(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 2nd.
Upwards of a hundred armed gangsters, believed to be soldiers disguised, boarded the China Merchant S. N. Company's steamer Kiangta and Kiangyung while the vessels were moored at King Lee Yuen wharf in the French Concession of the Bund, overpowered the officers and crew, foreign Customs guards and French detectives, locking them in the storerooms, and then, while all approaches were guarded, opened the holds and removed over one hundred and twenty cases of rifles and munitions, estimated at a value exceeding a quarter of a million dollars, which had been shipped from Hankow, consigned to Sun Chuan-fang at Hangchow, but which were intercepted here and were being held by the Customs authorities. The gangsters made an onslaught from Chinese junks, into which the munitions were transferred, after which they disappeared. Those aboard the vessels were unharmed. No shots were fired. The incident occurred on Wednesday night, but news regarding it was suppressed until this morning.
Details of this arms shipment were given in the S. C. M. Post of Thursday, under the caption "A Toli's Rifles."

ALLEGED GUNMEN.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Two men named Chang Hing and Chin Leung were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon with unlawful possession of two loaded revolvers.

The evidence showed that acting on information, Chief Detective Inspector Grant led a party of detectives to the Yat King restaurant, 18 Des Vaux Road West, on the evening of the 22nd, December. On arrival the police found the defendants and five others sitting around a table on the ground floor. They were ordered to throw up their hands and were searched. Under a felt hat which the first defendant was wearing, the police found a small revolver. It was loaded in four chambers, while in the fifth chamber was an expended cartridge shell. On the second defendant was also found a five-chambered revolver. It was loaded in four chambers in such a manner that it would fire immediately the trigger was pulled. No contraband was found on the other five men.

The first defendant alleged that the arms belonged to the second and a similar allegation was made by the latter. Both were committed to the Sessions for trial.

POSSESSION OF POISON.

CHARGE AGAINST AN
INDIAN.

Hakin Haram Bux, of No. 34 Haiphong Road, was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with having in his possession a quantity of poison, he not being an authorised person.

It was stated that 60 bottles were seized and sent to the Government Analyst for examination as to the nature of their contents. Some of the bottles were marked "Poison."

Defendant, who was represented by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, was remanded on \$1,500 bail.

CATHEDRAL CONCERT.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENT.

Hongkong's Male Voice Choir has been practising for some time, under the able leadership of Mr. Stanley Collett, the conductor, and on Thursday, January 8th, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, music lovers will have an opportunity of hearing what they can do.

A very fine programme has been arranged, including many new part songs. A special feature will be the duet and chorus, "The Miserere," from *Il Trovatore*.

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As the seating accommodation at the Cathedral Hall is limited, and there is already a good demand for tickets, early purchase of same to avoid disappointment is advised.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

RESUMPTION OF OPIUM CONFERENCE.

London, Jan. 2.
Referring to the resumption of the second Opium Conference at Geneva on Monday, the *Daily News* says it is high time the Government realised the importance of the situation created by the unedifying record of both Conferences. The Cabinet had wisely instructed the British delegate not to sign the convention drawn up by the first Conference, and it is to be hoped the last has been heard of that more than worthless document. The state of the Second Conference is no better, and it is clear that something much larger than the mere technical questions is involved. It is imperative to remedy the mistake of not providing the British delegation with a political head. The dispatch of a Cabinet Minister to Geneva would not reflect on the most capable work of Sir Malcolm Delevigne. The same argument applies to India, for which there is the strongest case for sending a man of the type of Viscount Chelmsford, Viscount Hardinge or Mr. A. C. Chatterjee.—*Reuter*.

WORLD CULTURE AND PEACE.

Tokyo, Jan. 2.
The newspaper *Asahi* announces the sending next spring from Japan to Europe of two Briguet planes now being assembled at the Nakajima Aero Works, fitted with Lorraine 400 horse-power engines, ordered by France. The paper says the scheme will have Imperial, military, naval and radio co-operation. Premier Kato and Foreign Minister Shidehara are congratulated by the *Asahi* on the first enterprise of the kind from Japan, not as an imitation of foreign flights, all of which are welcomed here, but as a contribution to world culture and peace.—*Reuter*.

TERRIFIC GALE USHERS IN NEW YEAR.

London, Jan. 2.
A terrific intermittent gale accompanied by torrential rain, hail and snow swept the whole country during the past week, interrupting road, rail and telephone communications, interfering with work, and causing serious floods in lowlying parts, especially in the valley of the Thames where villas, bungalows and farms are isolated. Shipping and the air services were seriously interrupted but no serious casualties are reported.—*Reuter*.

DISARMAMENT AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

Washington, Jan. 2.
It is learned that Senator Borah, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, intends shortly to move a resolution requesting the President to convene International Conference to consider further disarmament and economic problems.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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NOTICE.

ON 1st January, 1925, Mrs. E. M. V. Remedios retires from the firm of J. P. V. Remedios & Co., on account of ill health.

Other Notice appear on page 9

Tuesday & Wednesday
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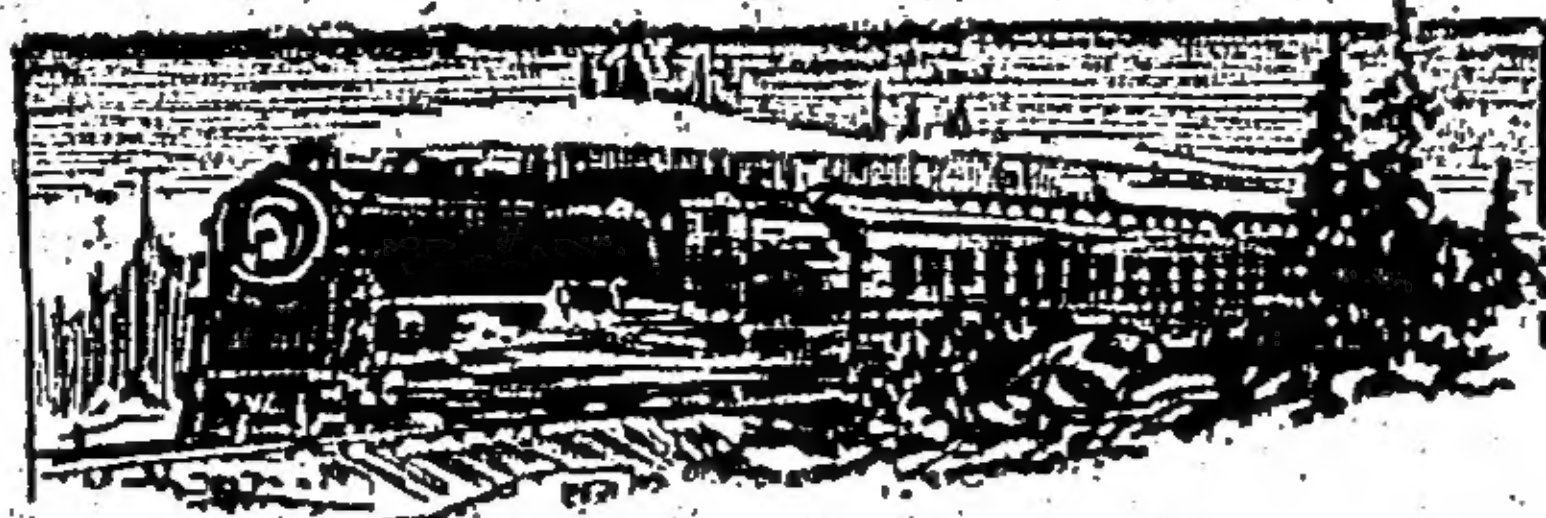
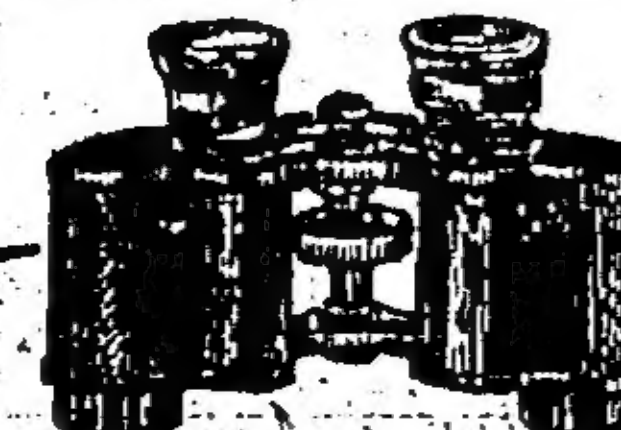
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 Hongkong, Jan. 2nd, 1925.

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3rd Jan. 1925.

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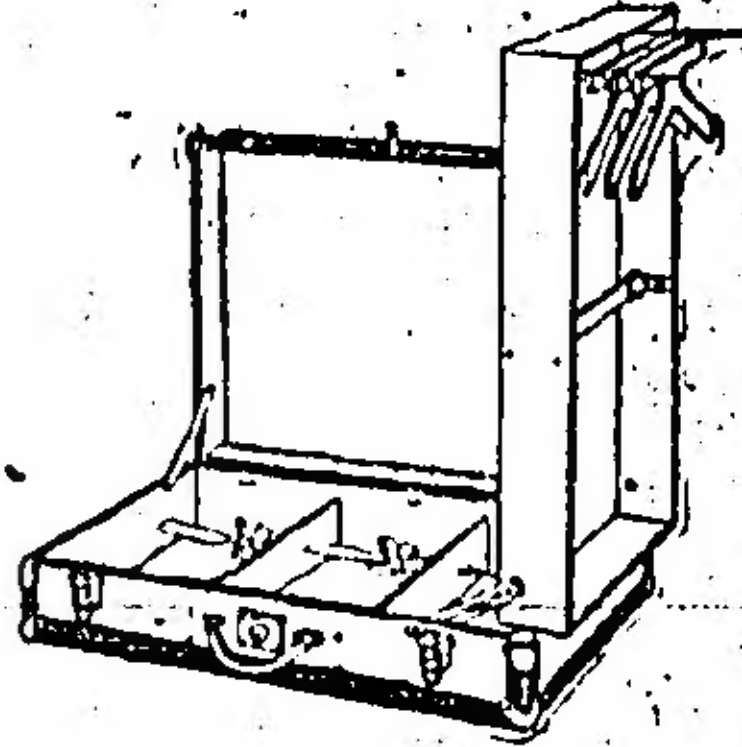
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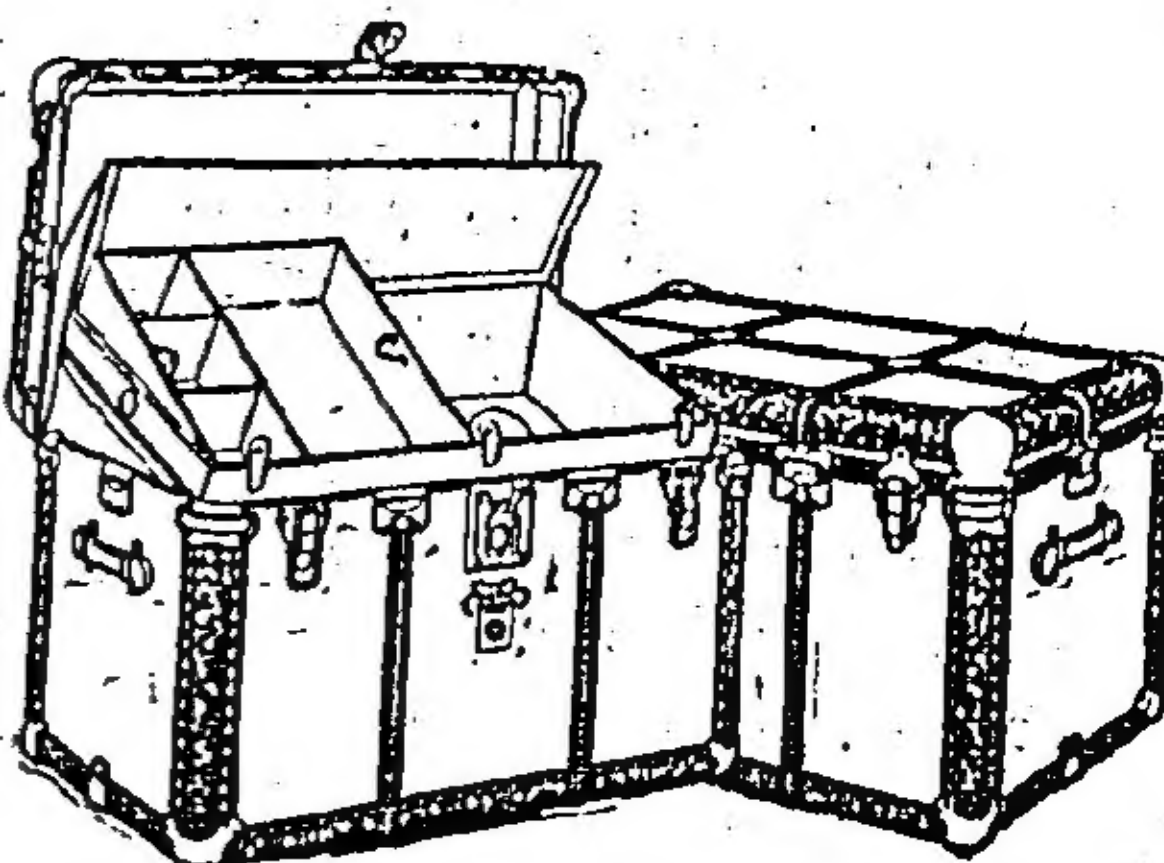
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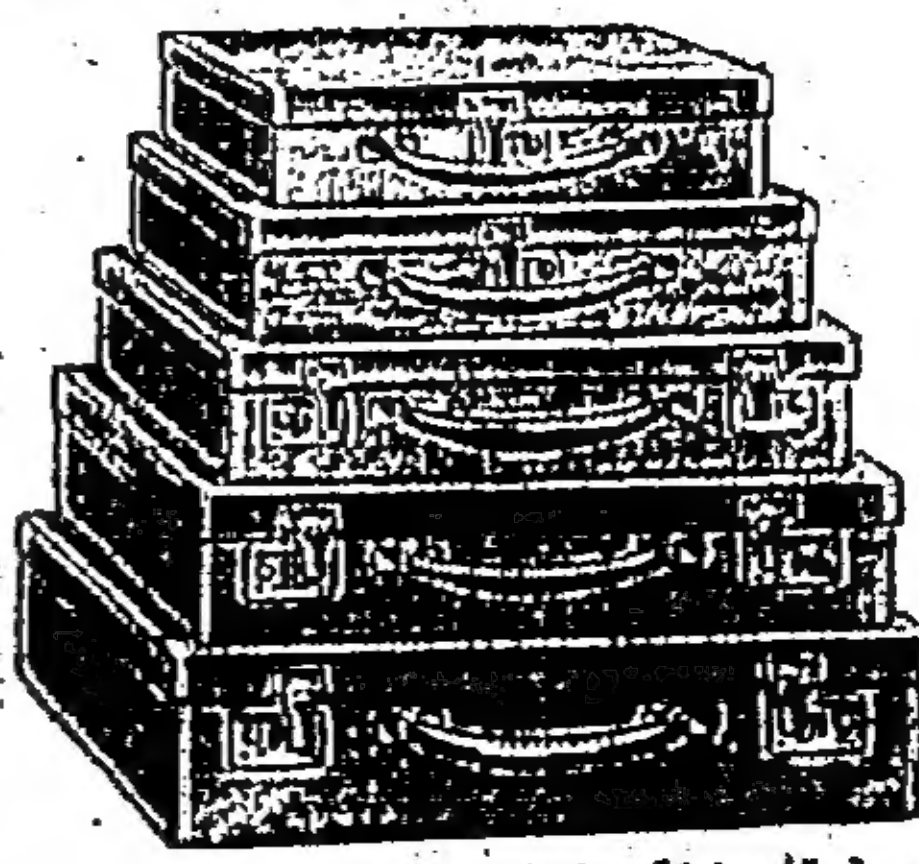
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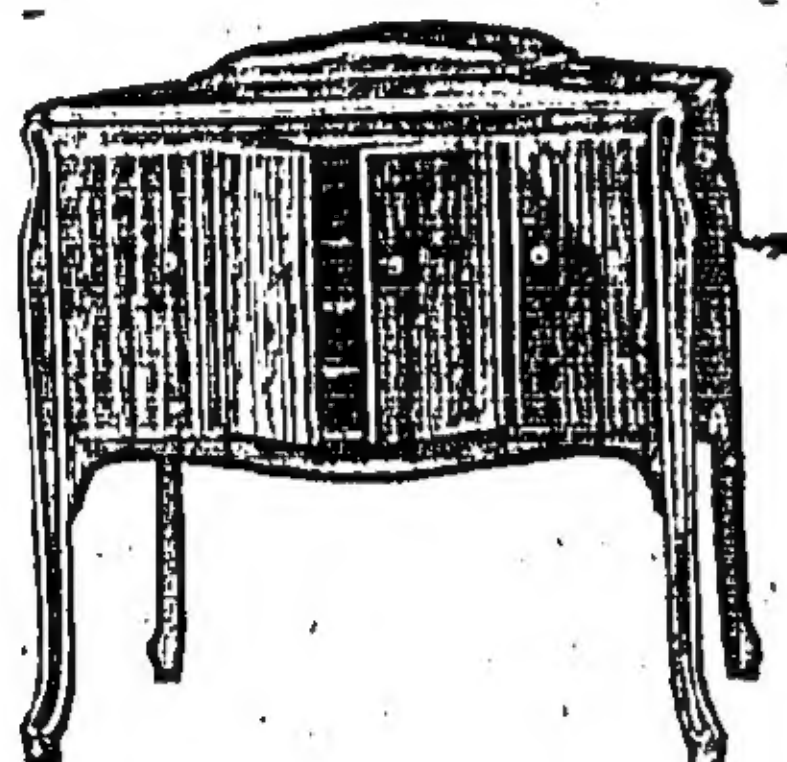
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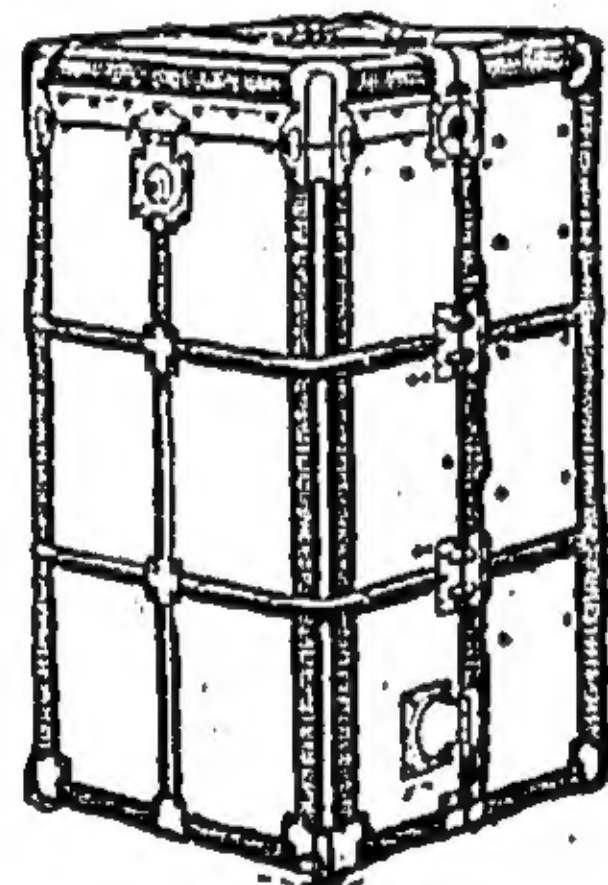
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CRIME AND POLICE.

Continuous experience of a thing makes one nearly indifferent to it, unless directly affected, and for this reason we fear the time is approaching when the matter of serious crime in Hongkong will be viewed by most residents as a feature of the Colony, to be taken as a matter of course. During the past six months there has been a continuous series of armed robberies attended by violence, and of murders committed under cold-blooded conditions usually with robbery as the motive, and as the year has been drawing to a close the incidence of crime has increased. Perhaps this gradual dosage with crime reports has obscured from the general public the serious nature of the increase, but when one takes the trouble to look back through the last few months for purposes of a year-end review one is immediately struck by the magnitude of the position, not only as it is to-day but also as it threatens to be a few months hence if no check on crime can be devised in the meantime. No doubt the whole of China is passing through a severe crime wave, and this Colony is feeling the backwash. All the treaty ports, international settlements, and purely Chinese cities are menaced by armed robbers, and the threat grows bigger every day as lawless conditions on the mainland continue and the quantity of arms smuggled into the country multiplies. It is time everyone woke up to a realization of the serious problems which lie ahead.

In a discussion of crime in any place it becomes inevitable that the local police force must have its share of notice, especially when lawbreakers are found to be on the increase. This fact is no doubt fully appreciated at headquarters. When we remember all the intricate problems with which our police force has to grapple, we cannot avoid expressing acknowledgment of the splendid work it is constantly performing. It is naturally impossible that any police system should be able to suppress all forms of serious crime, but much can be done towards decreasing the activities of evildoers. In viewing the incidence of crime here we

are faced with a steady increase, and were we assured of a corresponding increase in the strength of the police organization we should have nothing further to say on the matter. But there remains a doubt as to whether the authorities have given full consideration to the matter of police reorganization, which we dealt with at some length more than a year ago. This Colony has the trained men, and they are doing excellent work, evidence of which is available almost daily. That forms the bright feature in our outlook. But the point which is due to be emphasized is the doubt whether there are enough of these men to go round. The "old hands" are, perforce, obliged to retire at intervals. They are the officers who have local conditions at their finger-tips. They are replaced by men with slightly less residential experience, and there seem to be sufficient for the purpose. However, with the increase in the force which has been sanctioned during the past few years, the time must come when the junior officers will find more responsibility on their hands. And have we sufficient of these thoroughly trained junior officers to draw upon? From reports about men resigning, others being sent home medically unfit, and so forth, it seems as if the supply for some time to come is going to be very limited.

We come then to the need for police reform in terms purely of personnel increase. There certainly should be plenty of new material for the older men to work with before their time to retire draws nigh. Otherwise the "acclimatized" portion of the force will always be in a state of transition. Apart from that aspect, there is the obvious one that the rapidly increasing population of this Colony, and the great increase of armed criminals, with the menace of future accretions to be faced, requires a much larger police force. Even the larger traffic necessitates more men to cope with it. As we have previously pointed out, to draw upon the regular police for traffic men is to weaken the provision for suppression of crime—which, after all, is the main object of the police system. There are various matters which require tackling at an early date. Among the Asiatic members of the force there is not exactly a happy position, an outstanding instance of which is the indiscipline amongst the Northern Chinese contingent. If better terms of service are required, there should be no niggardly refusal by the Government to meet the increased expenditure. We do not need to stress the absurdity of expecting all these men to risk their lives daily, in loyal service to an administration which apparently considers them worth no more than the wage of a house-boy. We think that enough has been indicated in this review of the crime position in the Colony to justify our plea that the whole matter of police reorganization should be considered at an early date, so that any reforms which might suggest themselves can be put in hand with the least possible delay. And we shall leave the matter there for the present.

Sun in Peking.

It would be interesting to know precisely why Sun Yat-sen has gone to Peking. He asserts that it is not to secure a post or to gain political power. We can well understand the former part of this statement, because Dr. Sun has always professed that he is the only legal President of the Republic. That being so, he could hardly be expected to be seeking a position of lower rank. Incident-

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS FROM THE LEVEL OF CALAMITIES, NOT THAT OF EVERY-DAY LIFE, THAT WE LEARN IMPRESSIVE AND USEFUL LESSONS.—*Thackeray.*

Mr. Ho Kwong left for Shanghai by the President Taft.

A Renter's telegram states that A. Voyce (Gloucester) replaces Price in the English Rugby team to meet the All Blacks to-day.

From the Credit Foncier d'Extreme Orient, agents of L'Union Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., of Paris, we have received a useful pocket diary.

The silk forwarded from here by Empress of Australia on the 5th December arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 29th December, having been 24 days in transit.

Nothing has been heard for some days of a fishing junk last seen off Cheungchau. The master of another boat saw the junk boarded by men off a smaller boat, heard shots being fired, and then saw the boats sail away. Piracy is feared.

On New Year's Day the Consul for France and Madame du Courthial were at home to a large number of their friends and compatriots at their residence in Peak Road. Refreshments were partaken of, whilst a number remained to dinner.

A cook employed in the detective quarters at the Central Police Station is now lying in hospital with a serious stab wound alleged to have been inflicted during a quarrel at the Central Market. The alleged assailant has been arrested.

The Master of the s.s. Chusan, a B. and S. boat, reports that a Chinese female coolie passenger committed suicide by jumping over the side whilst the boat was coming down from Canton. Extreme poverty is supposed to have unhinged the woman's mind.

ally, we wonder whether, during his stay in Peking, he will still lay claim to the Presidential title. Of one thing we may be sure—namely, that he will seek to extend his influence, despite his assertion that he does not intend to gain political power. As was to be expected, his first declaration in Peking has been one directed against the Powers, for he says that the freedom and equality of China have been sold to foreign countries by the Manchu Government, in days past, by the conclusion of unequal treaties, "so that we are still in the state of colonists of foreign countries." We have heard that cook-and-bull story before. There are, Dr. Sun says, many ways of "saving the country," but he reserves his views on this subject until later on. Well, we have at any rate the assurance of the acting President that existing treaties and conventions are to be respected, so Dr. Sun's tirades against such agreements will not out much ice. We can however, envisage the arousing of strong anti-foreign feeling if Dr. Sun is permitted to preach his doctrines in the capital, and for the relationships between China and the Powers we hope that he will not be given carte blanche in this regard.

Complaints.

Residents and office-workers along the Praya are complaining again of the nuisance created by the vessels which range alongside, and sound their whistles at odd times, day and night. It is suggested that a good deal of this is unnecessary. For instance, the "warning blasts" of certain river steamers are possibly somewhat overdone. The old complaint about the refuse dumped on the Praya is also being revived—and quite rightly. Anyone who has taken a night stroll in the vicinity of those dumps will know what an abomination they are. The latest "grouse" is one which the sanitary authorities might observe—it is said that nightsoil is now being dumped into junks much too near the Western Market, where the food is unscored. Residents in the neighbourhood point to the typhoid menace, most probably that this matter be given attention. The old adage of prevention being better than cure is apposite in this regard.

Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

There is no truth in the rumour that a new ferry is to be run at for "sling gins" on New Year's morning. The limit—A Scoteman calling 1.30 a.m. known as the "Three morning."

The Legislative Council has just approved a vote of over \$2,000 for a motor-car. Why didn't the Government enter our Competition?

People who use "Star" ferries are not permitted to smoke in or upon any part of the boats, to the annoyance of anyone else. This seems to bar our favourite pipe.

Another bye-law says intoxicated persons are not allowed to travel in the first-class section. Thon lots of folk we know will have to learn to swim.

The further stipulation that "no person shall spit in, on, from or against any launch or any of the Company's premises" looks to us like a dead set against democracy.

There has been more spirit than speed these past few days.

Just when we made a New Year resolution, our neighbour buys a saxophone.

Some of these Kowloon cats should really be placed in the museum.

Seven hundred Jugo-Slavs are emigrating to Australia. This should give some of those Australian agitators a chance to sing "Britons Never Shall Be Slaves."

This Week's Book:—"The Morning After," by O. Goode-Evans.

At Monday's Legislative Council meeting, the Colonial Secretary explained a vote of \$21 for uniform for a press man as being necessary to "make him look a respectable Government servant." We regard this as an insult to the journalistic profession.

Three brokers won the yacht race to Macao and back. It's not true that they nearly lost it by the temptation to go ashore in the Portuguese colony for a little "futter."

A gallon of spirit can make a car go about 20 miles, but on half this quantity a Kowloon resident can go crazy.

There is said to be more taking stock in Ice House Street these days than stocktaking.

We are authorised to contradict the rumour that owing to the shrinkage in the Peak tram cable, it is proposed to experiment with new ones to be supplied by the Eastern Extension.

Four-fifths of the world's oysters come from the United States. This explains why the people there are so silent.

Bad handwriting is said to be a sign of ill-health. Then some of our taipans must be pretty near dead.

"Bowleritis" has now attacked No. 1, Platoon.

Fortune never smiles on the man who acts the clown.

From the appearance of some folk, the New Year is already beginning to look shabby.

The earthquake shock reported this week is now thought to have been the heavy tread of architects carrying home their Christmas cunshaws.

Unlike most residents, the Hongkong Government ended the year with more money than it expected.

A pathetic voice was heard at 4.30 a.m. last Thursday asking the stilly stars: "O! Why did I kiss that girl? O! why, O! why, O! why, O! why-y-y!" He will be whys-or next year.

Our chief complaint against saxophone players is that they always seem to be working to beat the band.

If some of these fox skins hawked about Hongkong were let loose, they'd probably find their way to the Dogs' Home.

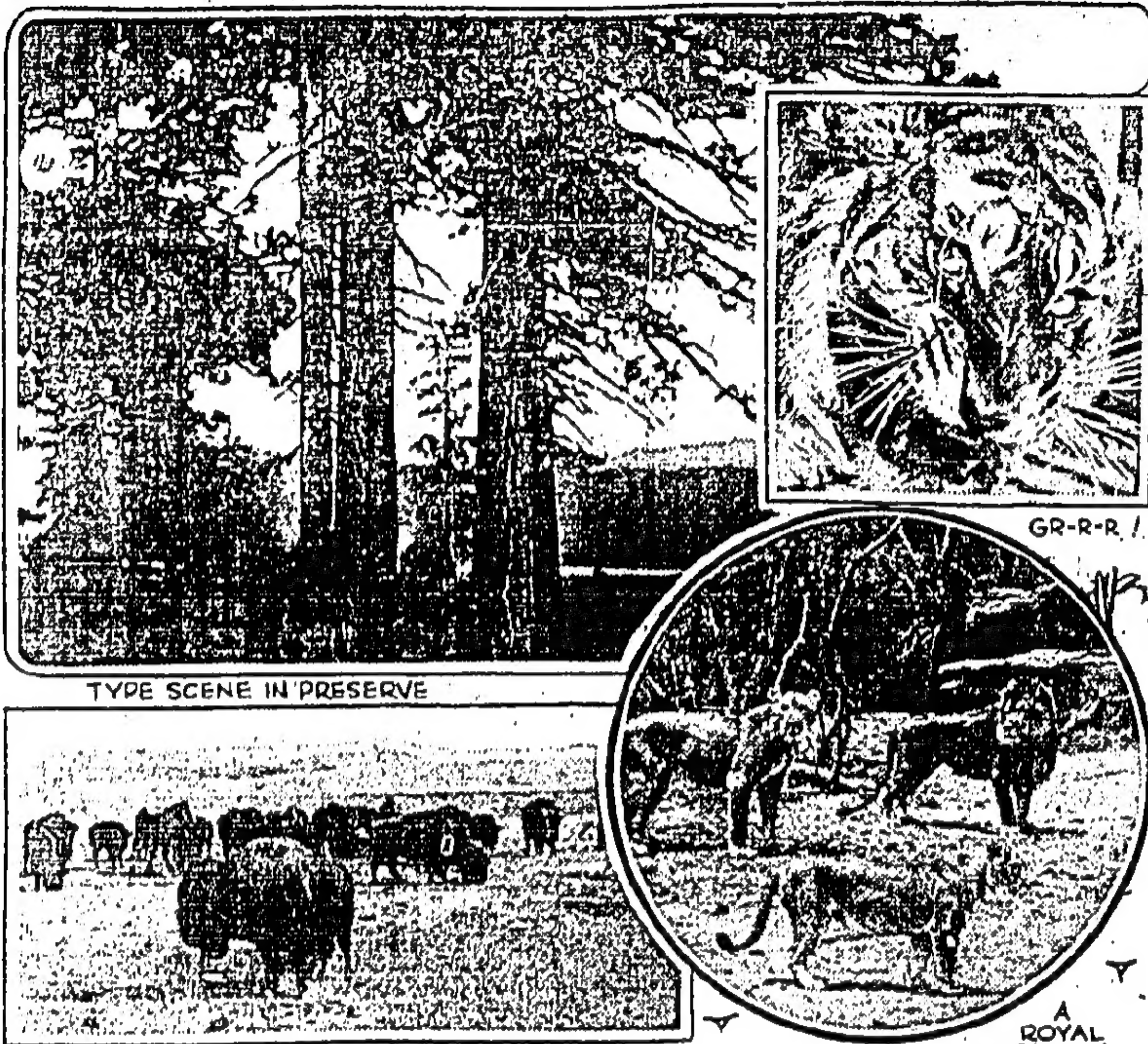
In London a man smoked cigars for forty-eight hours without stopping. Luckily, this was several weeks before Christmas gifts were being handed out.

FEATURES FOR THE FAMILY

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, 3rd. JANUARY, 1925.

BIG GAME SHOOTING.

Proposed U.S. Hunting Preserve.



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CHICAGO — American sportsmen in the future need not voyage to Africa and India to shoot lions and tigers. They will be able to kill these royal beasts in California between a game of tennis and a round of golf.
The Pacific Coast Sportsmen's Club, 924 Loew's State Building, Los Angeles, incorporated in Sacramento, plans according to an announcement here by Frederick L. Sims, a director, to establish a 50,000 acre hunting preserve in California which will be stocked with the following animals and birds: One hundred African lions, forty

Benal tigers, twenty leopards, 100 rhinos or mountain lions, 150 black bears, 1,000 buffalo, 500 elk, 500 deer, 400 wild horses, 400 prairie dogs, 10,000 ring-necked pheasants, 10,000 Hungarian partridges, 5,000 bob white quail, 400 wild turkeys, 400 wild peafowl and 400 wild guinea fowl.
The entire tract will be fenced. Twenty thousand acres will be set aside for carnivorous beasts and will be enclosed by an iron wire fence twelve feet high with a three foot overhang. Annual buffalo hunts will be staged. Provision has been made for expending

\$250,000 a year for restocking. There will be a \$250,000 clubhouse, 200 cottages, golf courses, tennis courts, polo fields, aviation fields, rifle and archery ranges, race track and swimming pools. The club will have 4,000 members from over the United States. It will be opened according to plans next September.
Officers of the association are: Ray Monahan, Long Beach, Calif., president; John Hawley, Alhambra, Calif., vice-president; Roland Hill, Ukiah, Calif., secretary; C. G. West, San Gabriel, Calif., treasurer.

SPORTS PARS.

Interesting World Items.

How many Soccer professionals can claim to have been born on a first-class football ground? Harry Nuttall, the Bolton Wanderers' right half-back, actually first saw daylight in the very ground where he now earns his daily bread. Over 20 years ago the "Trojans" were trained by Jack Nuttall, who lived in a house actually inside the Burnden Park ground, and while he was domiciled there young Harry was brought into existence.

Sombody has been bemoaning the supposed absence of an admirable cricketer in present-day sport, but they surely cannot have heard of Percy Allen, the former West Ham half-back, and now the strong man of the Lincoln City middle line. While doing his bit during the war he played wing three-quarter in the Rhine Army Rugby side, and captained his brigade at hockey. At Preston garrison sports in 1915 he won the 100, 220, and 440 yards, was second in the long jump, and placed in hurdles. He also possesses a medal for swimming, plays a good game at lawn tennis and can make his 50 with a billiards cue. During the summer he dons the white flannels for the Eastern Nomads C.C. and Essex Club and Ground, while on a horse he has ridden winners on the flat and over fences in Germany, also won jumping competitions.

The Melbourne ground, where the M.C.C. are playing their second Test match against Australia, ought to have pleasurable associations for Jack Hubbs. It was here in 1911 that he put up, with Willard Rhodes, the record first-wicket partnership in a Test Match of 323 runs.

Charles Elliott, the young Newmarket jockey, has been remarkably successful during his short career. Since he commenced riding four years ago he has had 300 winners, and he is now only 20 years of age. Among his notable victories are Golden Myth (in the Ascot Gold Cup and the Eclipse Stakes), Plack (the One Thousand Guineas), and Ellangowan (Two Thousand Guineas). Elliott holds the distinction of being the only jockey to ride 100 winners or more this season.

Within a fortnight of the flat-racing season ending the Aga Khan headed the list of winning owners, with £44,000. Last year he won £33,000. Lord Derby is second with £36,008, and Mr. Solly Joel third with £30,000. Mr. R. C. Dawson is at the head of the list of winning trainers, followed closely by the Hon. G. Lambton.

Jock Marshall, the famous full-back of Middlesbrough and Scotland, is playing for Belmont Park F.C. (U.S.A.). Marshall's perorinations with Llanoli and other clubs outside the jurisdiction of the League deprived Middlesbrough, of course, of a considerable transfer fee. Few of Jock's friends were aware of his present whereabouts.

Phil Scott, the heavy-weight boxer, acting on medical advice, is to take a rest. He has been examined by Dr. Green and Dr. Moore, of Old Burlington-street, who, while agreeing that nothing was wrong with him organically, have suggested that a rest of three months was imperative. He is apparently suffering from nothing more than staleness, and the decision is undoubtedly a sensible one.

Weymouth F.C. have scored 20 goals to three in four English Cup games, and are still a team to be reckoned with. The club now fields a full professional team, among its players being Walker, their player-manager (late of Sheffield Wednesday), Ralphy (the Scotch international), Dolphin (Walshall), and Sims (Bristol Rovers).

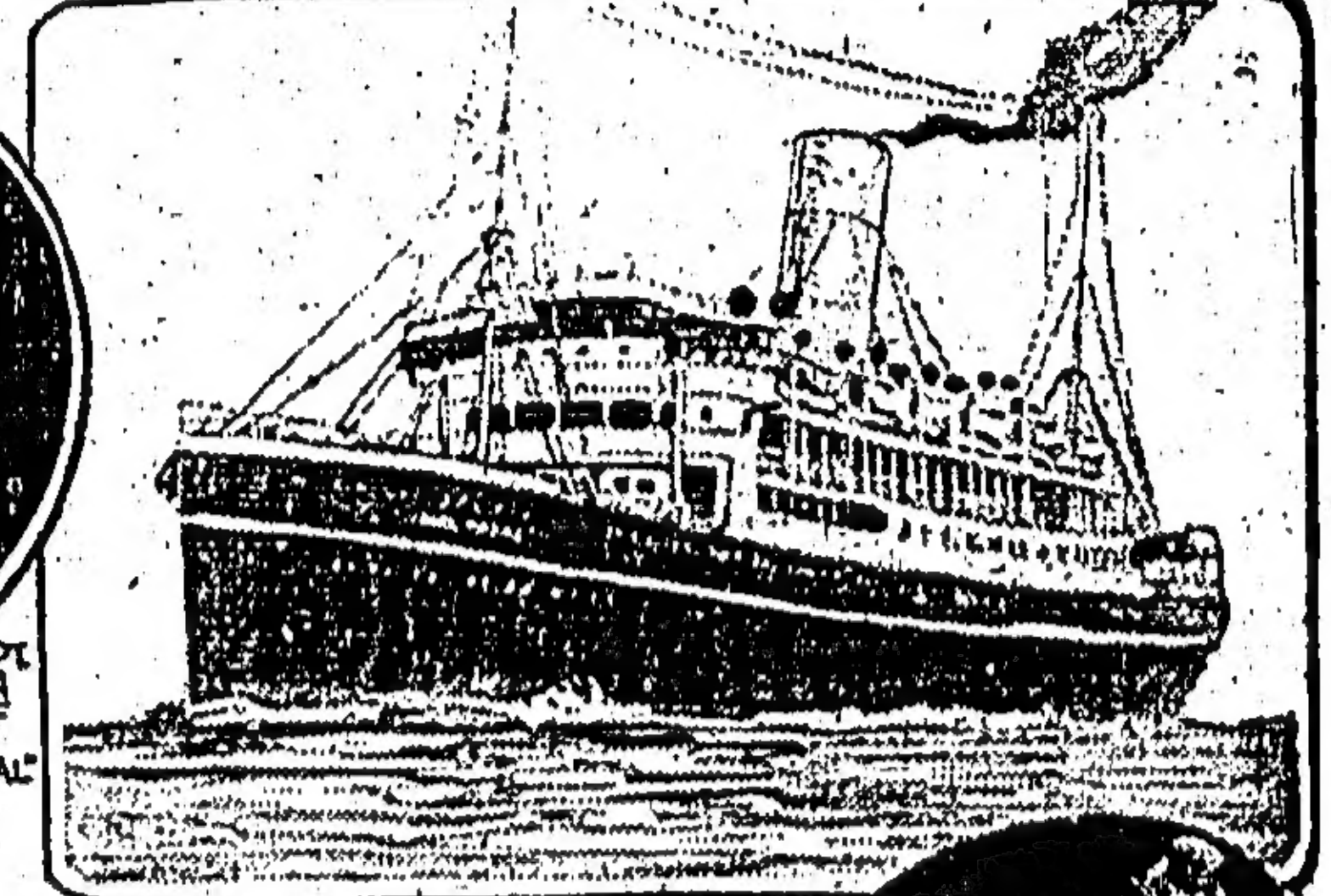
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His retirement will be regretted by his officers and men as well as by the traveling public for his courage, devotion to duty and extreme humanitarianism were fully appreciated by all with whom he came in touch.

Communications of many other Canadian Pacific ships are following Captain Hall's example of long and faithful service. Captain John McPherson, senior captain of the Great Lakes fleet, has over 40 years to his credit and has not missed a sailing in that time. Captain Samuel Robinson, C.B., is he here of Yokohama harbor during Japan's disaster in 1923, has a splendid record to his credit, and was honored by being put in command of the Empress of Canada for her 1924 Round-the-World cruise. All the Canadian coastlanders have glorious records, and especially heroic war records. Staff Captain R. N. Stuart of the "Empress of Scotland," won the Victoria Cross during the world war.

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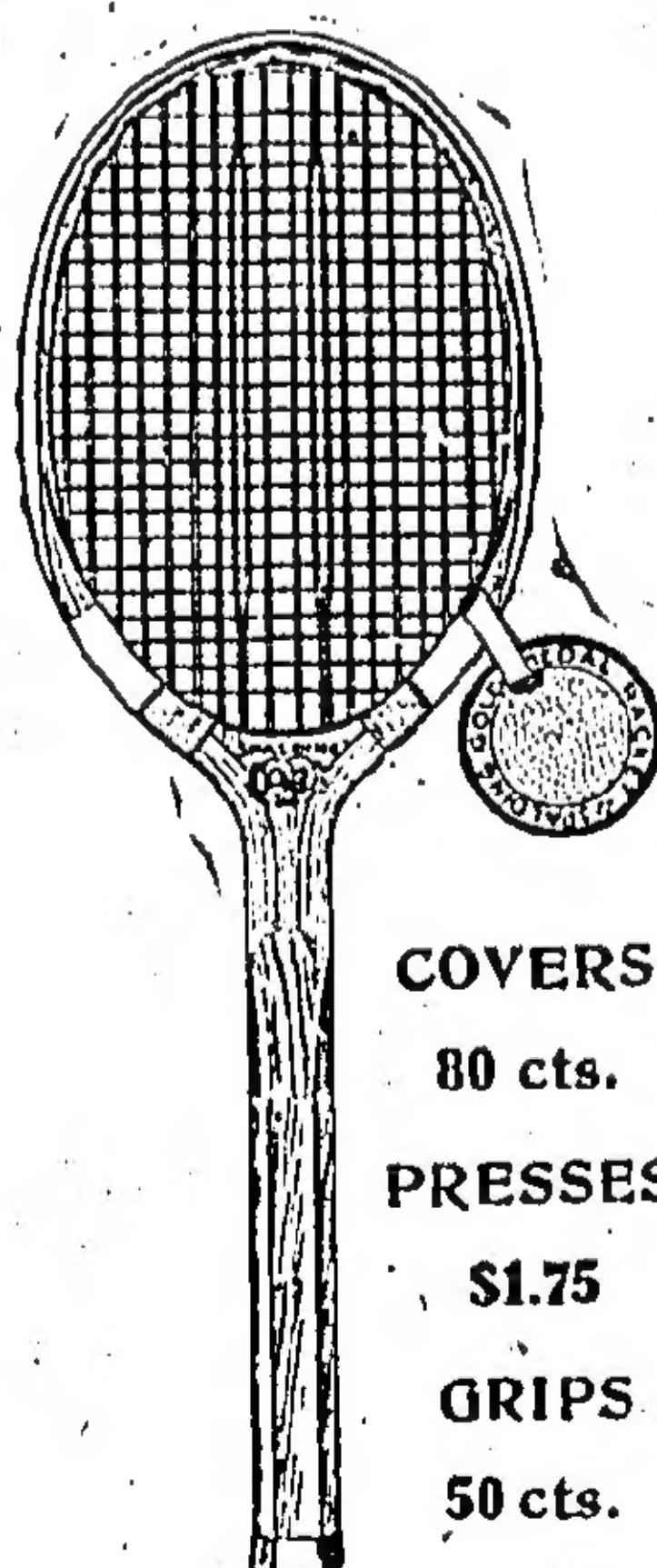
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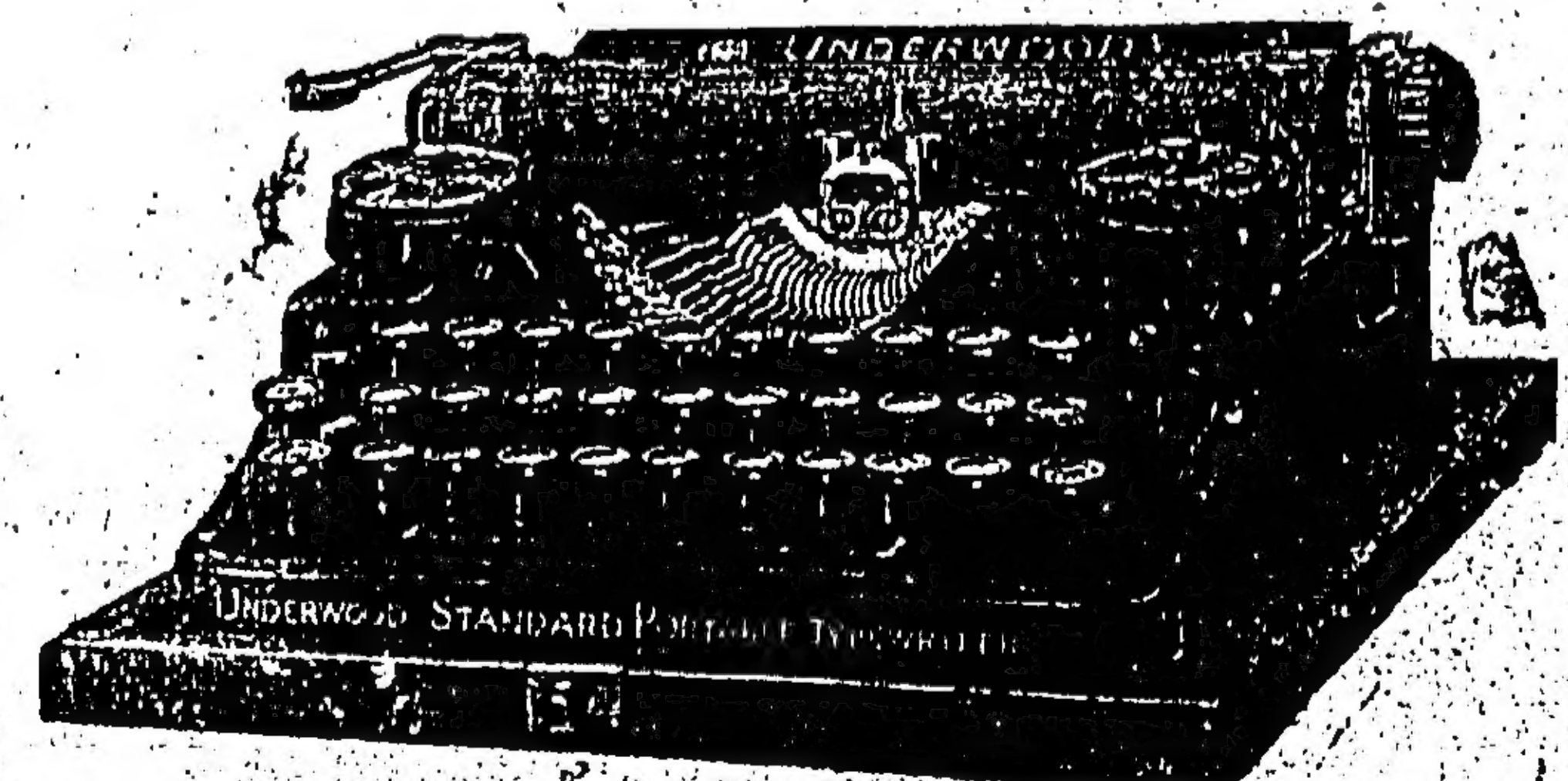
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RADIO NOTES AND NEWS.

Progress In Transmission of Vision.

The great strides which the science of wireless telegraphy has made in recent years are fully evidenced at the Exhibition which opened yesterday morning at the White City, and which has been organised with a view to demonstrating the products of the entire British radio industry, says the *Observer* of November 16th. Over sixty firms are exhibiting, and many novel features are shown on the stands, one of these being a new British light-weight telephone and a portable set which requires neither earth nor aerial. These are small enough to carry in a motor-car or upon the river, and can be packed into a moderate-sized dispatch-box.

During the period that the Exhibition will remain open, competitions for amateurs will take place, these being for sets constructed by boys up to the age of fifteen years, and by seniors above that age.

The exhibition was opened by Professor Low, who said they would all agree with him that the only thing that really interested the public was the question of tomorrow. That was the reason why wireless was of such wonderful interest to everybody. It was simply that it represented the future of science.

He had often noticed that the most interesting discoveries in any art so new as wireless were to be found in the workshops of the amateurs, and in that respect he thought the exhibition was more interesting than most. Nowadays even business men were becoming to understand that even science was of some importance, and that was a thing to the good.

Wireless, said Professor Low, was a completely new subject. They knew very little about it, but when the time came, as it undoubtedly would, that they would be able to transmit vision, they would reduce the need for travel whenever they wanted to see any land or any individual.

WIRELESS WONDERS.

Antipodes Linked by
Short Waves.

A short time ago long-distance wireless was believed to be possible only by the use of waves several miles long and of very great power, but that is now

known to be wrong. Within the last few months many signals have been successfully sent great distances on waves as short as 100 metres and quite small energy, and last week the Marconi stations at Brentwood, London, and Broomfield, working with modest, improvised apparatus, received messages from Australia sent on a wave-length of about 90 metres. These messages were also picked up by an amateur using a small two-valve set, who also exchanged intelligible signals with an Australian amateur, comments a London paper.

Even more remarkable is the success of Mr. Goyder with the wireless installation at Mill Hill School, who frequently picks up American stations around 300 metres, and has both received and sent messages to amateurs in New Zealand.

For some time Senator Marconi has been carrying out experiments on small waves by means of his "beam" system, which concentrates the ether waves in a narrow zone and almost completely cuts out the trouble-some interference of electrical disturbances in the atmosphere. These experiments have been carried out on his yacht Elettra—the call sign of which is ICOM—during lengthy voyages, and also on board the Cedric between England and America. At distances exceeding 2,000 miles the receiver on the Elettra received messages transmitted by the "beam" system from the station at Poldhu, Cornwall, on 100-metre waves, radiated with an energy of only 9 kilowatts, less than one-twelfth of the power that would have been needed without the special reflector used to concentrate the waves in a narrow beam.

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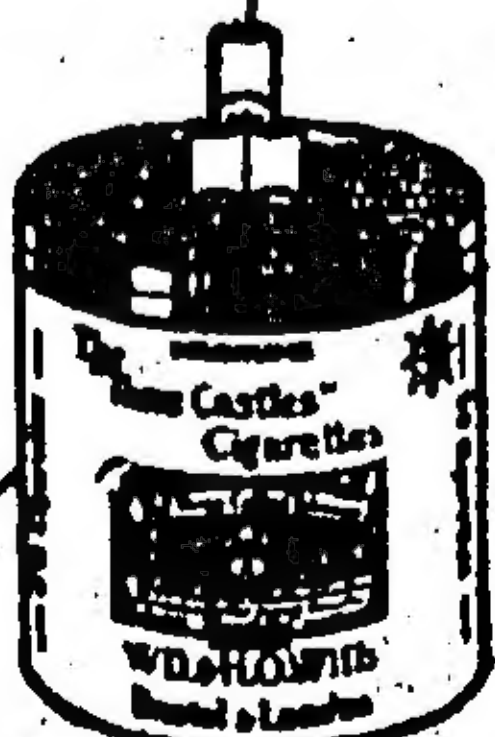
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SHORT GROUND LEADS.

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CLEAN INSULATORS.

Insulators should be kept clean, to prevent shorting over the porcelain. This is why the aerial should be so constructed as to permit its taking down for cleaning.

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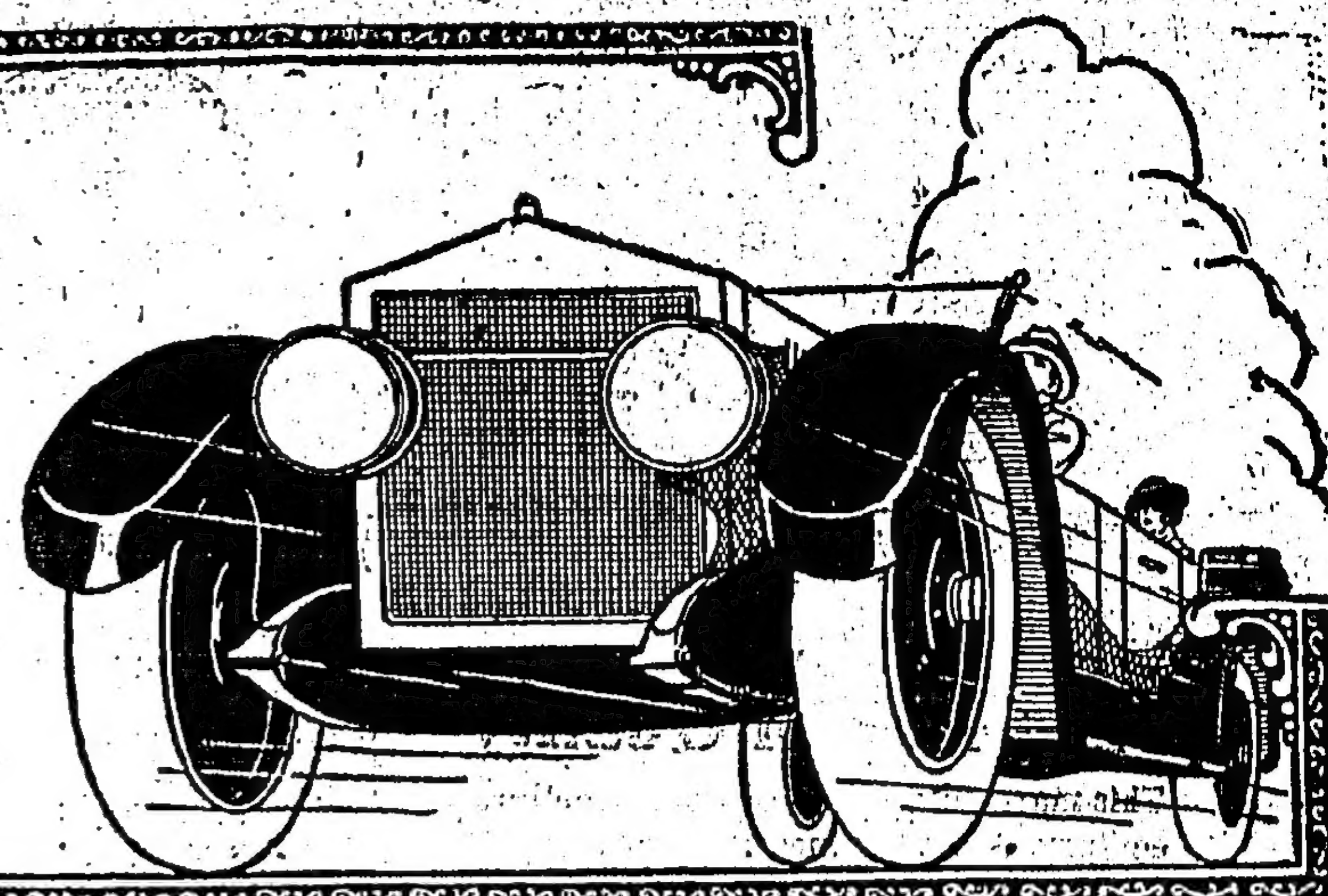
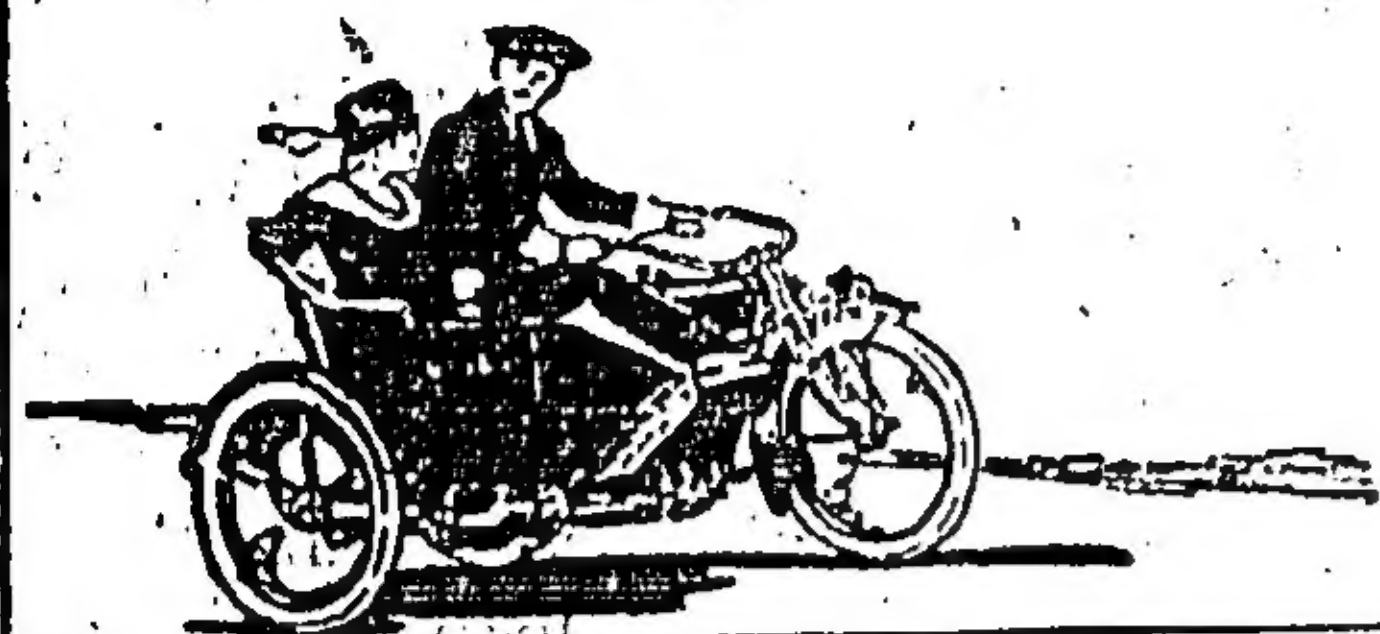
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MOTOR HEADLIGHTS.

WHAT PHILADELPHIA IS DOING.

A simplification of the act governing automobile headlights will be requested at the next meeting of the State Legislature by the State Highway Department, stated Mr. Benjamin G. Eynon, register of motor vehicles at Harrisburg, where he addressed a meeting of the Motorist Association of Philadelphia.

In place of the troublesome provision of the law calling for light of a certain definite candle-power at varying distances from the car, which Superintendent Mills said is incapable of enforcement here or elsewhere, the department will urge the adoption of the rules approved by officials of ten States at the recent Eastern Conference of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

Those rules provide that there be sufficient light to make discernible objects at a distance of 200 feet, as the present law does, and further specify the top of the beam of the light projected from the headlights must not be higher than the height of the tip of the bulb from the ground.

Strict enforcement of the law would do away with glare from headlights, Mr. Eynon said, though it was pointed out by officials of automobile clubs that a car equipped with proper lenses and focused correctly would throw a glare at an approaching car when going over the top of a hill.

Under a strict interpretation of the present law, Mr. Eynon said, the police of this city would have to be equipped with foot-candle meters to measure the candle-power of headlights under suspicion of violating the law. He said that the men of the highway patrol have been trained to spot offenders without recourse to meters with which they are provided, and suggested that the police of the city be trained in a like manner.

The war against light-law violators declared by Paul D. Wright, Secretary of Highways, is now getting under way, Mr. Eynon said, and members of the motor patrol may be expected to begin operations on the roads adjacent to this city at any time. For the present, he said, he did not think that the patrol would enter the city proper.

MENACE HAS INCREASED.
At the time the present law was adopted in 1921, Mr. Eynon said, "the menace of glaring lights had not reached the stage it has today, and at the last Legislature

\$100,000,000 FOR IMPROVED TRAFFIC.

LOS ANGELES SCHEMES.

Los Angeles officials are making plans to spend approximately \$100,000,000 for the improvement of its streets.

This has been sanctioned at the last election by the voters' approval of two traffic proposals.

One calls for adoption of a city-wide street plan prepared by traffic experts. The other requires \$5,000,000 to provide the city's portion of carrying out the first unit of the proposed traffic relief.

The entire cost of the development is estimated at about \$100,000,000. The work includes widening of downtown traffic arteries, extension of heavily travelled streets into through thoroughfares and provision for future street development along scientific lines.

Los Angeles not only has more automobiles in proportion to the population than any other city, but it has to contend with motor tourists who annually add one-third to the normal motor traffic.

More than 400,000 resident tourists use the streets, and during the year some 200,000 tourists from other states make the problem of handling the traffic here more difficult.

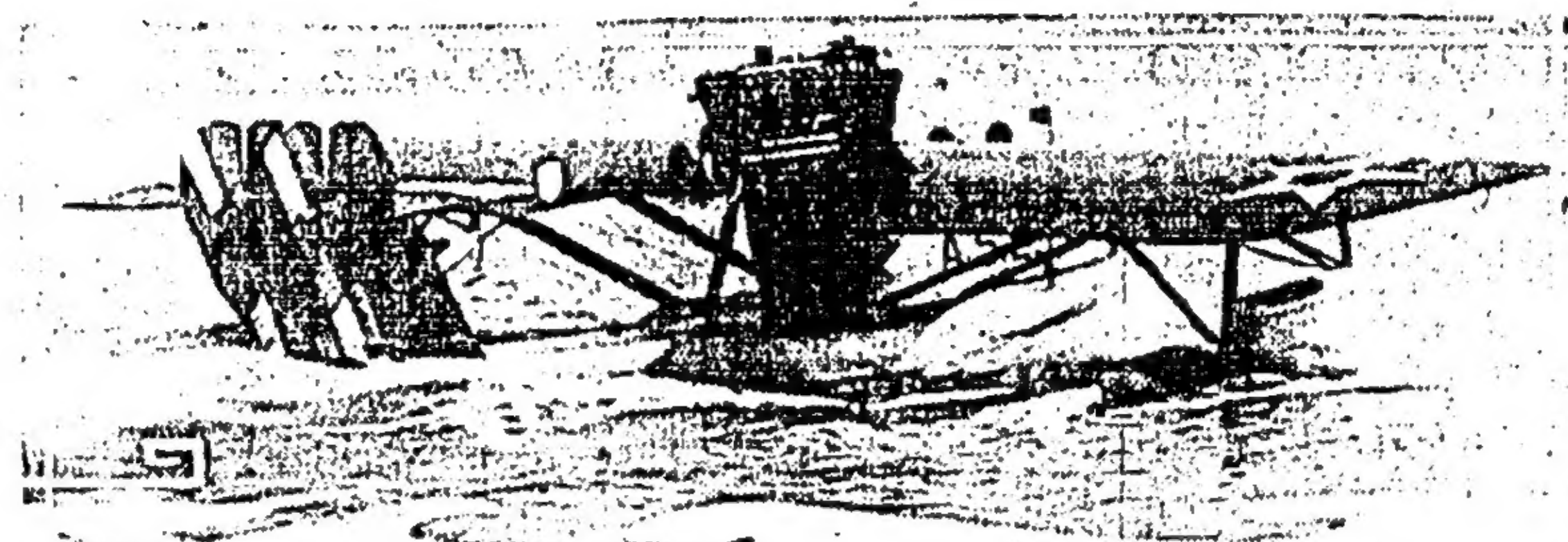
It was only amended to permit the approval of lenses and other devices giving legal light.

"With the adoption of the simplified act and the improvement in lights now being placed on automobiles by manufacturers, the enforcement of the law should present no difficulties, and the menace of glaring lights would be done away with, and by proper focus the beam projected would be conforming with the law, prevent the necessity of dimming headlights.

"Headlight dimmers are excellent devices and should be used on well-lighted roads. They are not illegal under the law, except that the law provides for the 200-foot light beam, which is difficult to obtain with a dimmed light."

Constant attention to the focusing of headlights was seen by automobile club officials yesterday as the only alternative to the courtesy of using dimmers when passing other cars. It was pointed out that a so-called "legal light" that has become out of focus or in which the lens has turned may prove to be much more dangerous than a light not equipped to comply with the law.

RECORD-BREAKING SEAPLANE.



The Loening "air yacht" of the American Army Air Service as it took off for its flight at Langley Field, Va., in which it broke the world's speed record for 1000 kilometers.

CALCUTTA GYMKHANA.

SOME OF THE EVENTS.

The following are some of the events which proved so popular at the Gymkhana held under the auspices of the Bengal Automobile Association.

Balloon Stakes.—Balloons will be popped down over a given course. The competitor who covers the distance in the shortest time, and who bursts the greatest number of balloons, will be adjudged the winner.

Skillful Driving for Motor Cars.—Competitor (one at a time) starts by hand, mounts (doors shut), makes one circuit of the course, driving through a line of flags, opening a locked gate, driving through and closing and looking it afterwards, drives between a number of obstacles placed on the course, and moving an obstruction and placing it in another given spot, turns and reverses into space marked out. The winner will be the competitor making the best time and removing and replacing the obstacles correctly, five seconds being added to the actual time for each obstacle touched by the car.

Skillful Driving for Motor Cycles.—Similar test except reversing.

Musical Chairs for Lady Passengers.—Competitors, each with a lady passenger, will drive round the circular course. When the bell is rung the cars must stop dead before the passengers alight, and the lady passenger from each car will run to the chairs placed in the centre of the ring and endeavour to secure a seat. The last arrival will be "out" and the cars will proceed again, and so on. The last one remaining in being the winner.

Bazaar Stakes.—Competitors starting level will be provided with Fresh Bazaar List.

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They will each hand list to a lady who must give correct total cost, and best time to decide. The return journey is to be done in reverse.

TELEPHONES FOR MOTORISTS.

THE A.A. ENTERPRISE.

During the past month the Automobile Association has installed eight more roadside telephones for the use of A.A. members (which, like the present installations, are available to members at all times during the day and night). The "A.A." roadside telephones are distributed throughout the country along the main roads, and access is given to the telephones by a special key issued to A.A. members.

The new telephones are located at:—The cross roads at Fulham on the main Norwich-Ipswich road; at Flint House cross roads on the Newmarket-Roydon and Ware-Cambridge road; at Blackmoor Gate on the Taunton-Barnstaple and Ilfracombe-Whaddon cross roads; at Halcott Corner on the Taunton-Himelston road; at Dorset cross roads on the Leicester-Hemelton road; at New Moor House cross roads on the Morpeth-Wooler-Alnwick-Rothbury road; at Cadnam cross roads on the Southampton-Lyndhurst road, and at East Horndon on the New Southend road.

AUXILIARY MOTORS FOR SAILING YACHTS.

In the early days of marine motors it seemed almost hopeless to convert the sailing man to the advantages of an auxiliary motor.

He looked upon it as a dirty, smelly and awkward piece of machinery, which he would not have in his boat at any price. Very different is the view taken by the modern sailing man. True, he is fully justified in his changes of attitude, for great have been the changes in the marine motor during the last few years. Take the Alfa Craig "Kid," for instance. Here is a motor of 10-14 h.p. with four cylinders, which is capable of driving anything from 5 to 30 tons displacement, while it is so compact that with an overall width of only 15 in. and length of little over 2 ft., it can be placed in any odd corner. In the case of the famous 75 ft. yacht, *Venture* which the "Kid" drives at nearly six and a half miles an hour, this engine is installed under a sink in the galley, so it is completely out of the way, and takes up no useful space whatever. Then for smaller vessels there is the "Kid Junior" of 6-8 h.p. of the same width but only taking up a space of about 1 ft. 8 in. in length and capable of equally good work.

Nor on the score of cleanliness is anything to be desired. Mr. Melville Neill, the owner of the 20-ton cutter *Patience*, tells us that the engine is installed under the companion ladder in his sleeping cabin, and although running on ordinary kerosene causes not the slightest discomfort, as there is no smell whatever, and it is so clean after over many hours running that a clean handkerchief wiped over it would not be soiled. That speaks for itself. Is it any wonder that sailing men are getting as enthusiastic about auxiliary motors as before they were apathetic?

Motor Car Balancing on Seesaw.—A trestle is arranged with a platform, up which the cars have to drive, and balance in the centre. Each competitor is allowed three tries.

Bazaar Stakes.—Competitors starting level will be provided with Fresh Bazaar List.

NEW SPEED RECORD CAPETOWN TO JOHANNESBURG.

STUDEBAKER RECORD.

Despite extremely adverse road conditions, a new automobile speed record was established on November 27th last between Capetown and Johannesburg, South Africa. The distance of 979 miles between the two points was covered in 31 hours and 23 minutes, actual running time. The previous record was 38 hours, 18 minutes or 6 hours and 50 minutes more than the new record. The car—a Studebaker Big Six—was driven the entire distance by A. Vanrooyen. The engine was not shut off once between the two cities.

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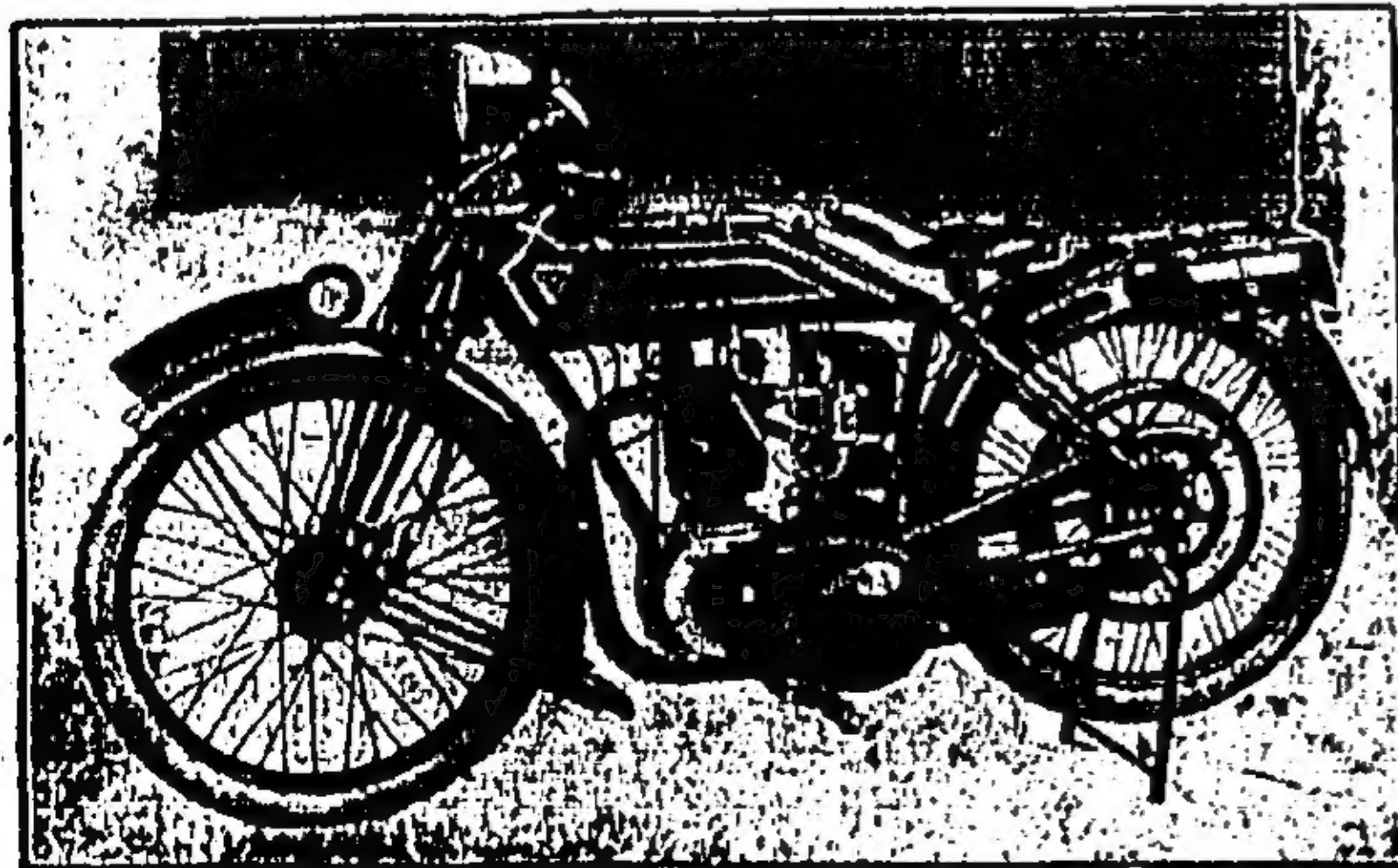
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MOST ARE FOURS.
Eighty-five per cent. of the automobiles shown at the French auto show in Paris were four-cylinder cars. Sixes came next in importance.

SILENT MOTORCYCLES.
Great Britain conducted tests near London, of motorcycles with all sorts of silencers. The cause is an effort to silence motorcycle engines.

A FAMOUS BRITISH LIGHTWEIGHT.



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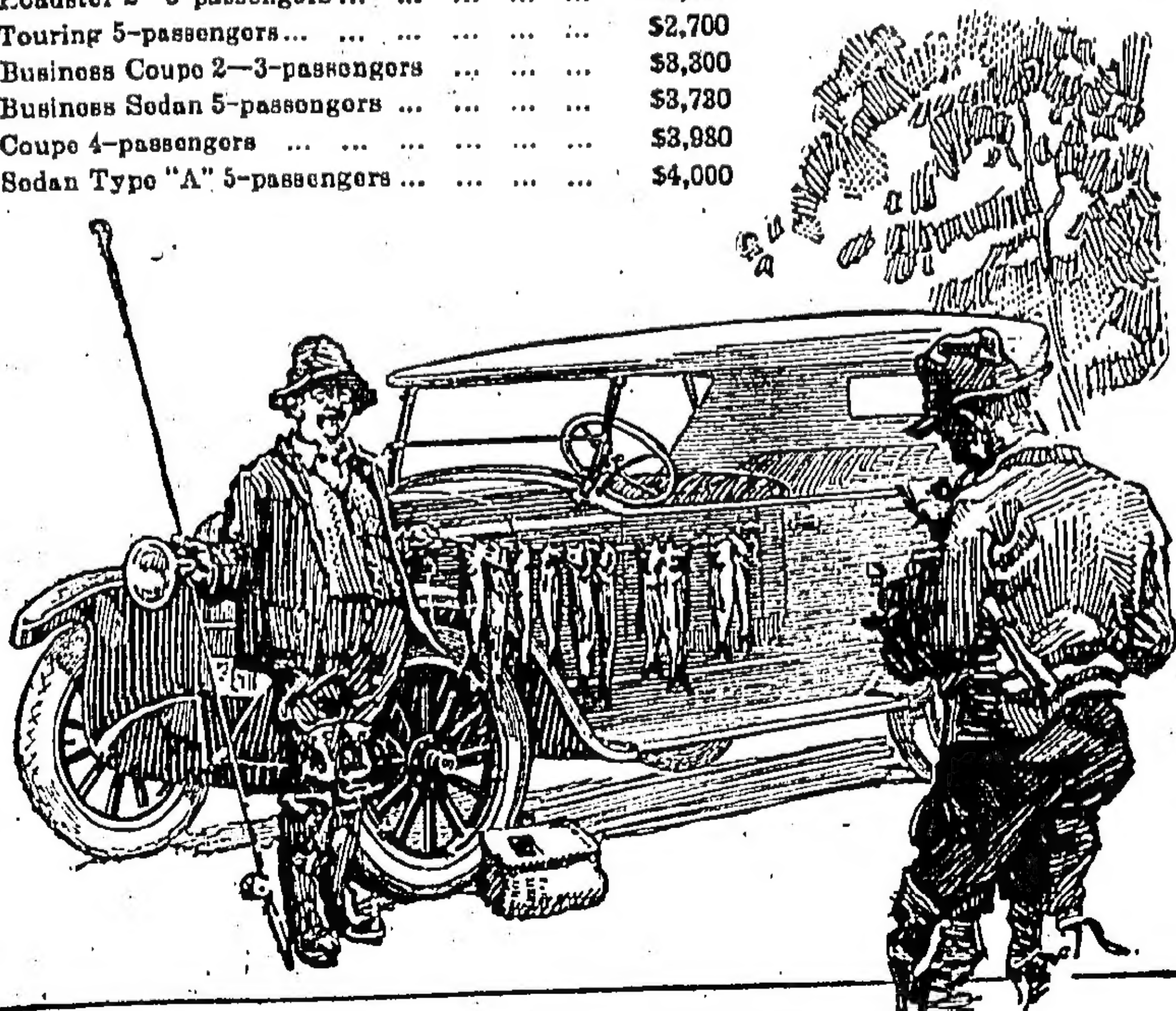
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TOURS FOR MOTORING.

SURPRISING FIGURES.

From 1st May to 31st October, 1924 (6 months) the Automobile Association Touring Department issued more than 170,000 itineraries, running to the colossal mileage of approximately 68,000,000—or 8,000,000 in excess of the total issued for the whole of last year. The itineraries have touched practically every motor road in England, Scotland, Wales and many in Europe and beyond.

With the advent of winter the pressure on the A. A. Touring Department is now lighter, and applications for routes can be dealt with in nearly all cases, by return of post.

THORNYCROFTS FOR JAPAN.

FOR RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

The arrival reported by the Japan Automobile Co., at Nakano, near Tokyo, of a shipment of Thornycroft lorries indicates that the gigantic task of task of reconstruction after the Japanese earthquake is now proceeding. These lorries created an excellent impression, and the engineers in charge of the re-erection of the chassis reported that their work proved a great deal easier in comparison with the assembly of other vehicles they had previously handled, by reason of their greater accuracy of finish and interchangeability, while they were also enthusiastic about the excellent manner in which the chassis had been packed for shipment—a matter of considerable importance to overseas buyers. One of these Thornycroft lorries has been acquired by the Japanese Army Transport Depot, and others are to be equipped with tipping bodies.

ROADS SIGNS FOR MOTORISTS.

A. A. ENTERPRISE.

During the first nine months of this year the Automobile Association erected 6,898 road signs—over 750 per month. Of this number 3,598 indicated the names of villages, while 1,184 were direction signs. Signs giving warning of danger points numbered 714, while 225 "Temporary Diversion" traffic signs were put up in connection with obstructed roads, roads under repair, etc.

BALLOONS ON TAXIS.

Paris taxicabs are to have balloon tyres. More than 5,000 sets are being fitted to the cabs.

RED LIGHTS BEST.

Red is the easiest colour to see, is the conclusion of experimenters at a test of various colour signals on motorists, conducted by the Bureau of Standards. It was found that, under daylight conditions, the signals discernable in their order, were red, green, yellow and blue.

DOUBLE DUTY.

Anderson arranged a method on a test engine by which the air was first directed through the crankcase and then into the carburetor to take its part in the fuel mixture for the engine. He also added a filtration system by which oil sprayed into the carburetor opening from the crankcase and brought in with the suction on the air might be kept from this opening. It is altogether experimental. Anderson admits, but it has good prospects of being practicable and finally of making auto driving cheaper and more economical. Dilution of crankcase oil with water and unburned fuel accelerates the wear of engine bearings, cylinders and pistons. It has been under the eyes of engineers for several years and many remedies have been offered. The idea presented by Anderson is one of the latest.

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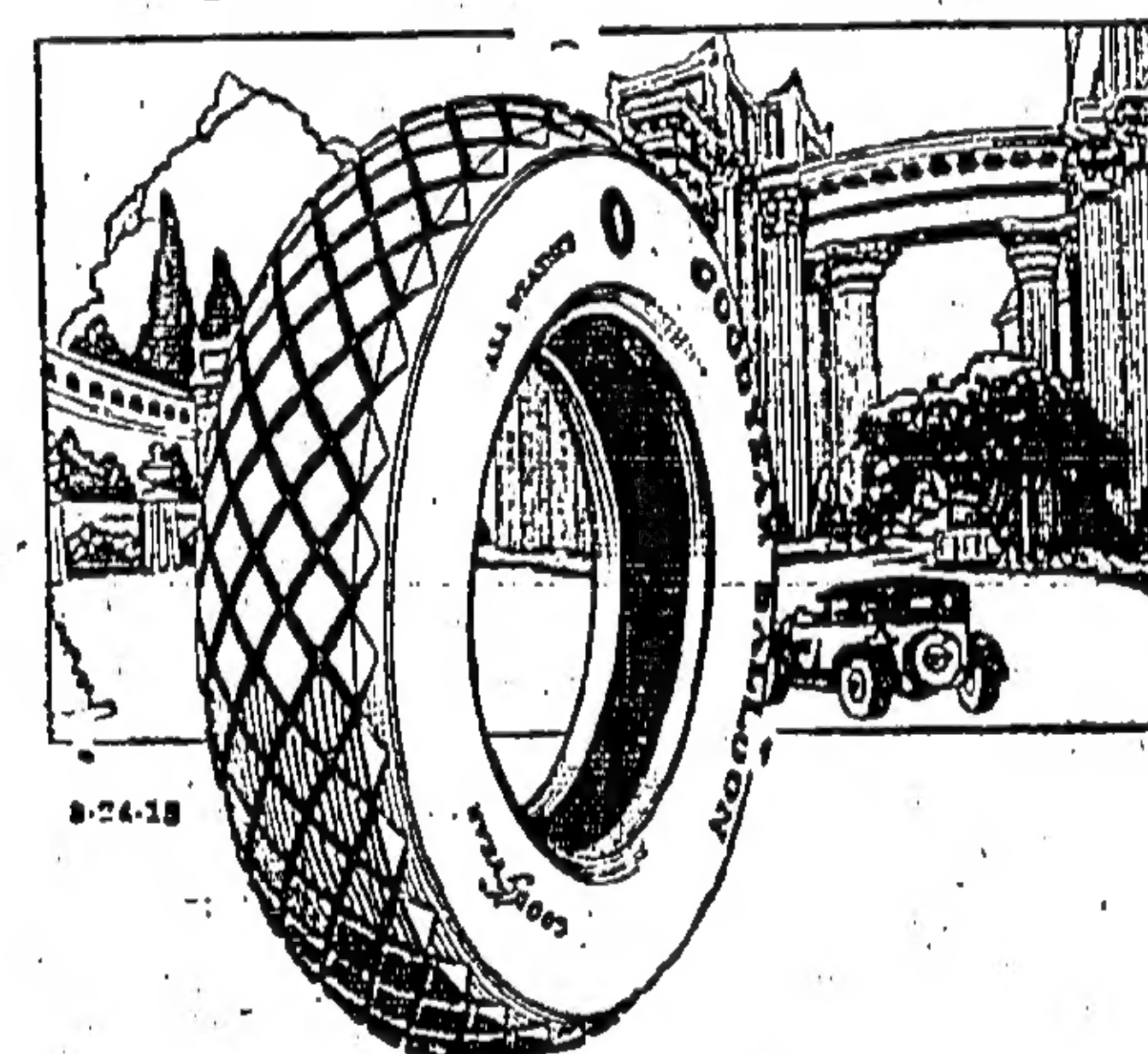
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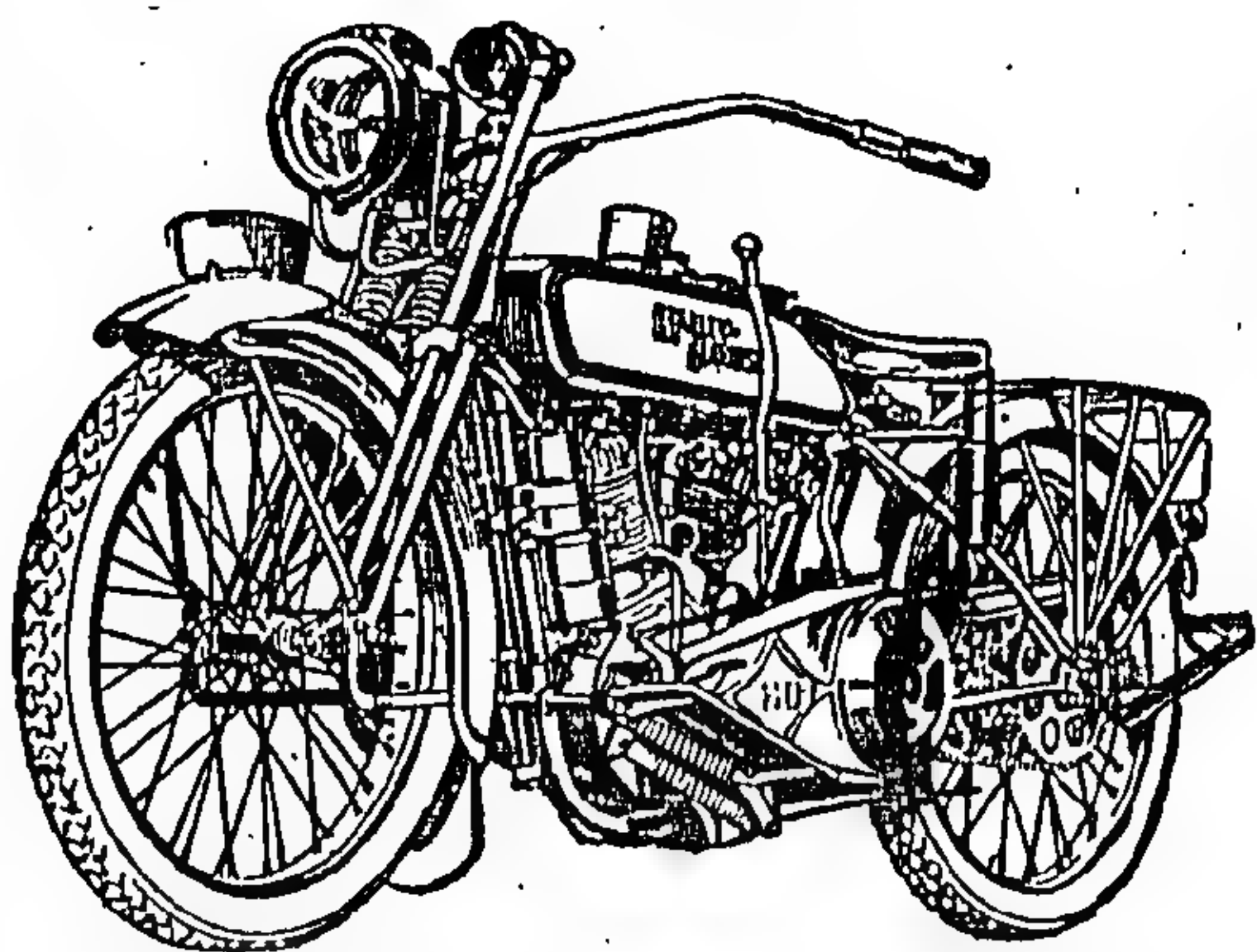
SEPTEMBER IS WORST.

September of this year has been the worst traffic accident month of 1924, besides being 17 per cent. worse than the corresponding month last year. Accidents then amounted to 2100, or about 33 per cent. above the August toll.

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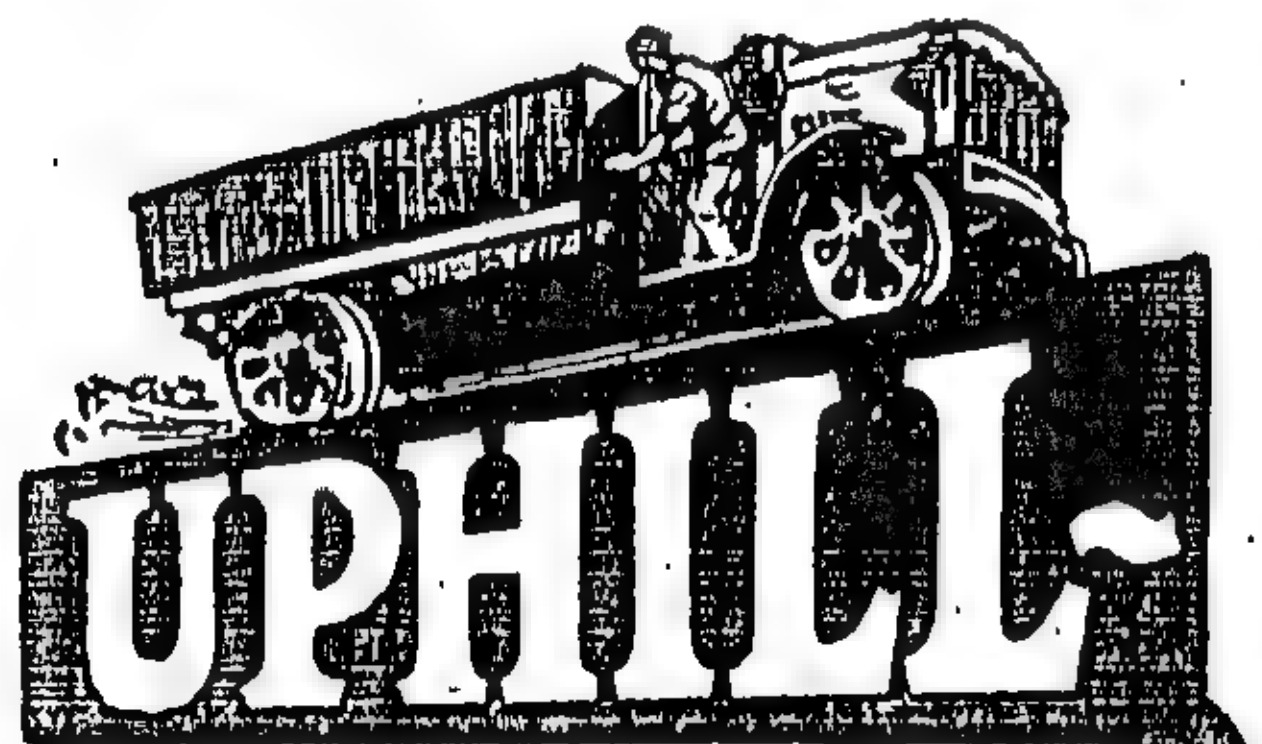
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NOTABLE JEWETT TOUR.

4,000 MILES COVERED.

A mud spattered Jewett Six touring car without top or fenders but fairly covered with names of many cities in the United States was one of the sights along Broadway during the last week. The car belongs to Mr. Fred Moore of San Francisco, who had just driven it from San Francisco on his 27th trans-continental ride. On this trip he and Mr. Earl West, who accompanied him had never allowed the motor to stop during the entire trip of close to 4,000 miles over a period of 209 hours and 30 minutes, 160 hours of which was driving time.

Moore's object in this non-stop motor run was to prove a new theory of lubrication to the Society of Automotive Engineers. Even when oil was changed in Denver, Lincoln, Neb., and Chicago the motor was kept running. Upon leaving San Francisco, Moore had Mayor Rolph seal the hood of the motor to the chassis frame. At Denver, Detective Sergeant Marland broke the seals, supervised the oil change and revealed the motor; at Lincoln, Mayor Zehrung acted, and at Chicago, Acting Mayor Martin J. O'Brien performed the ceremony.

At each of the cities telegrams were forwarded to the Paige-Detroit Motor Car Company factories in Detroit telling of the progress of the cross-country Jewett. This is believed to be one of the few times when an actual automobile owner has found himself so well pleased with the performance of his car that he stopped in agencies in the various cities from one side of the United States to the other to tell of it.

At many points the dealers were warned that the car was coming. On these occasions a big reception was arranged for the trans-continental drivers. These affairs impeded their progress to a large extent as the citizens insisted on holding impromptu gatherings of welcome.

Moore stated that it did not interfere with his one object of the trip—that of keeping his motor constantly running—as the actual driving time did not enter into the proof of this theory. To substantiate his claims, Moore had representatives of the Vedol Oil Company, whose product he used to take samples of the lubricant taken from the motor in Denver, Lincoln and Chicago. These were forwarded to the Vedol laboratories where chemical analyses are being made, of

which a report will shortly be forthcoming.

"The many hardships on the road were made up to a large extent by the hospitality of the cities through which we passed," Moore said.

"Perhaps the biggest thrill I had during the trip was late one night when Mr. West was driving and I suddenly got this," he said, pointing at a scarred nose. "I had been sleeping and when rudely awakened, blinked my eyes as we just missed a telephone pole, looked to the right and saw a steep incline past which we were travelling about sixty miles an hour. Mr. West was asleep at the wheel. I wakened him just in time to save tearing down a pole that appeared to be rushing toward us."

"We crossed the Rocky Mountains during the worst season of the year when the rains were just starting and the ground was thawing. It was necessary to drive through six to twelve inches of water. After leaving Denver had mud conditions were encountered."

"I have driven across the country a great many times, and don't believe that a less powerful car than the Jewett would be able to pull through some of the mud holes we passed in Nebraska. Illinois was fine sailing after the Iowa 'gumbo.' We made up considerable time in this state."

"At Chicago, the Paige and Jewett dealer who had been apprised of our coming had an escort of motorcycle policemen. They whirled us through the traffic and down through the centre of the city in a hurry. It was here that we took a substantial rest for the first time."

"From here on road conditions were nothing but the best. A great many detours were encountered, of course, as is true all over in the spring time. Detours were the cause of our being lost several times in Indiana, despite the excellent road markings. The level stretch through Ohio was negotiated at night, bringing us into Pittsburgh early in the morning. This was a considerable piece of luck as it gave us daylight during our trip through the Alleghenies and enabled much faster driving than would have been possible at night."

"I will certainly regret to hear the faithful six cylinders stop firing when I shut off this motor. I have heard it said that it is 3100 miles from San Francisco to New York by motor car but on my speedometer I see positive proof that we covered 3800 miles. A part of this can be charged off to driving around in many of the larger cities."

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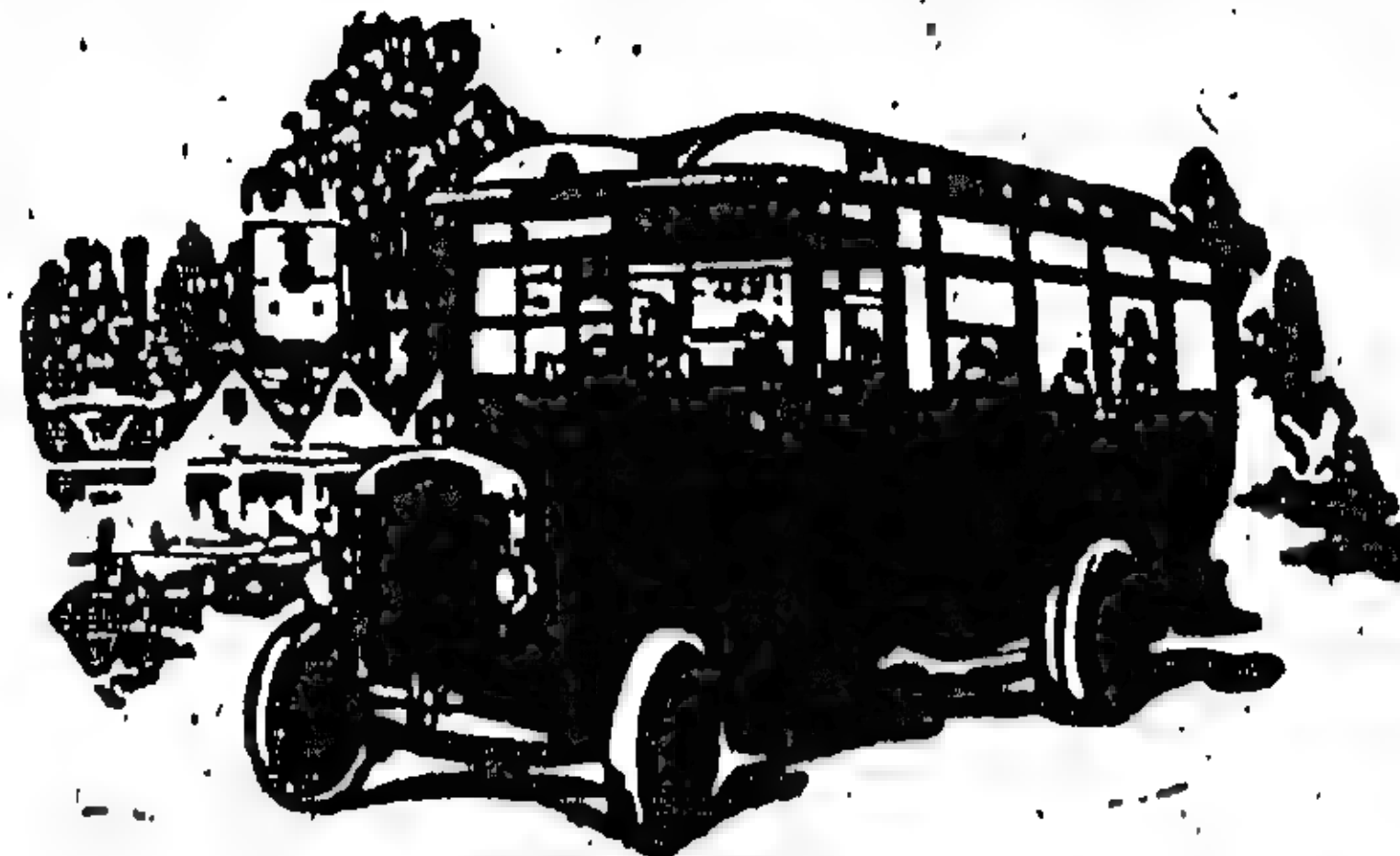
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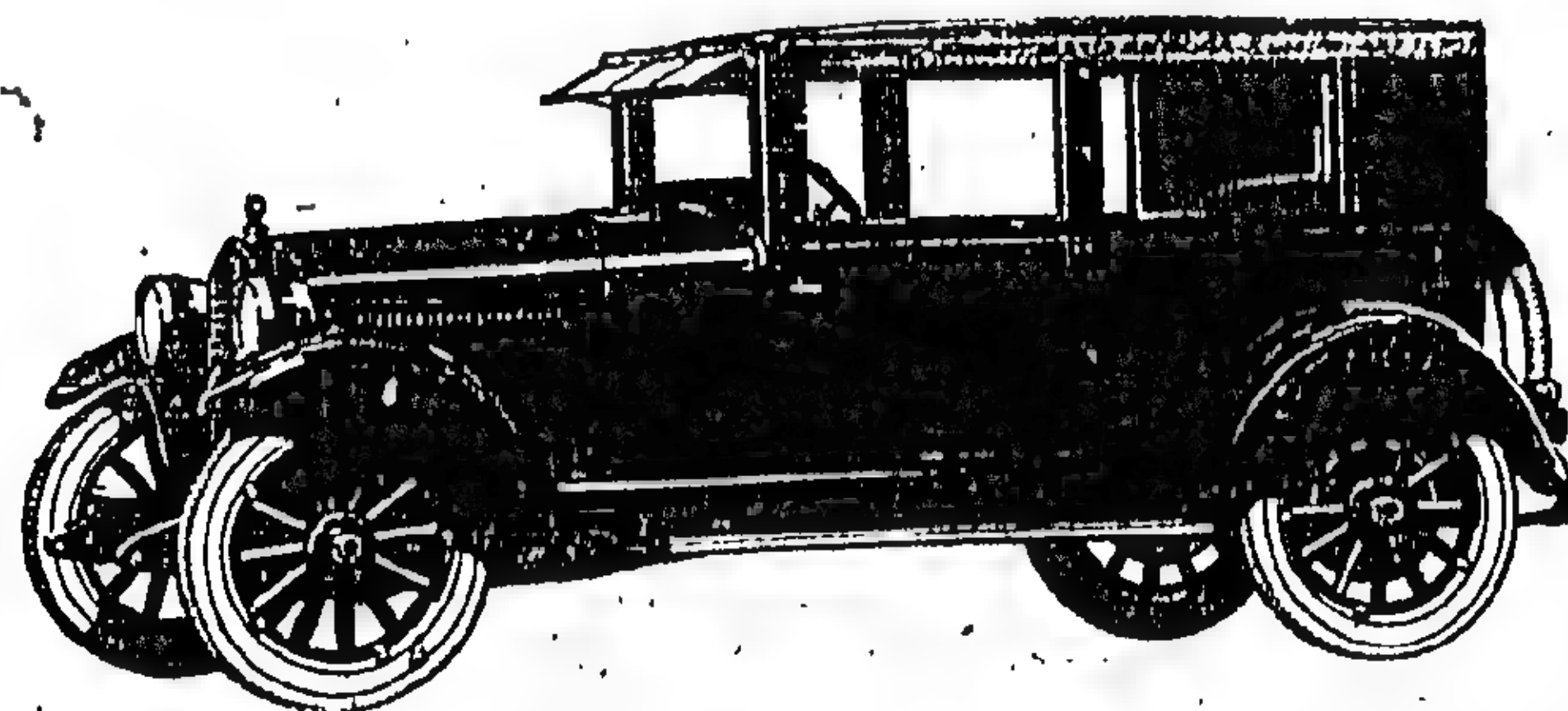


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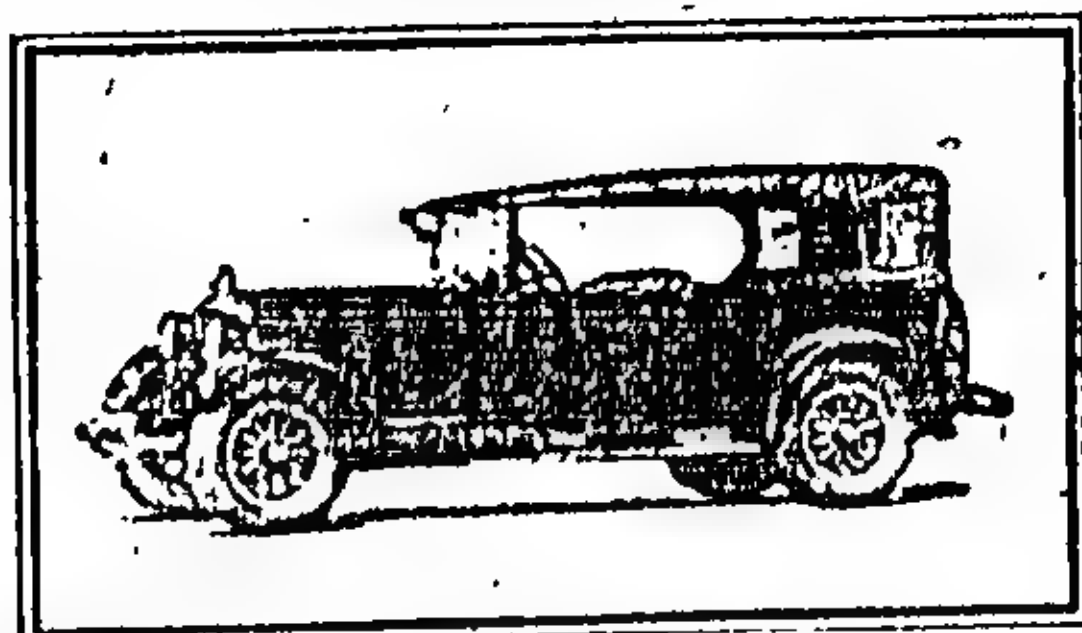
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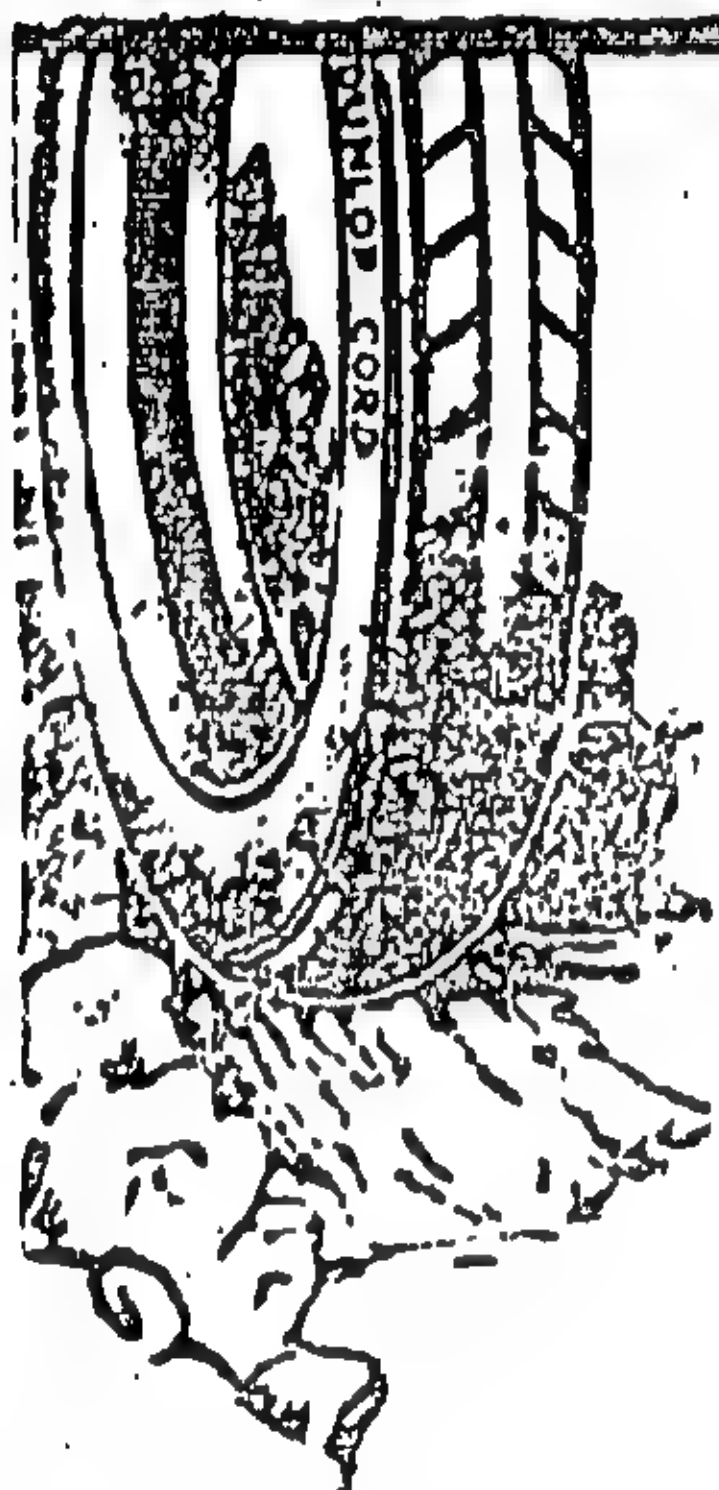
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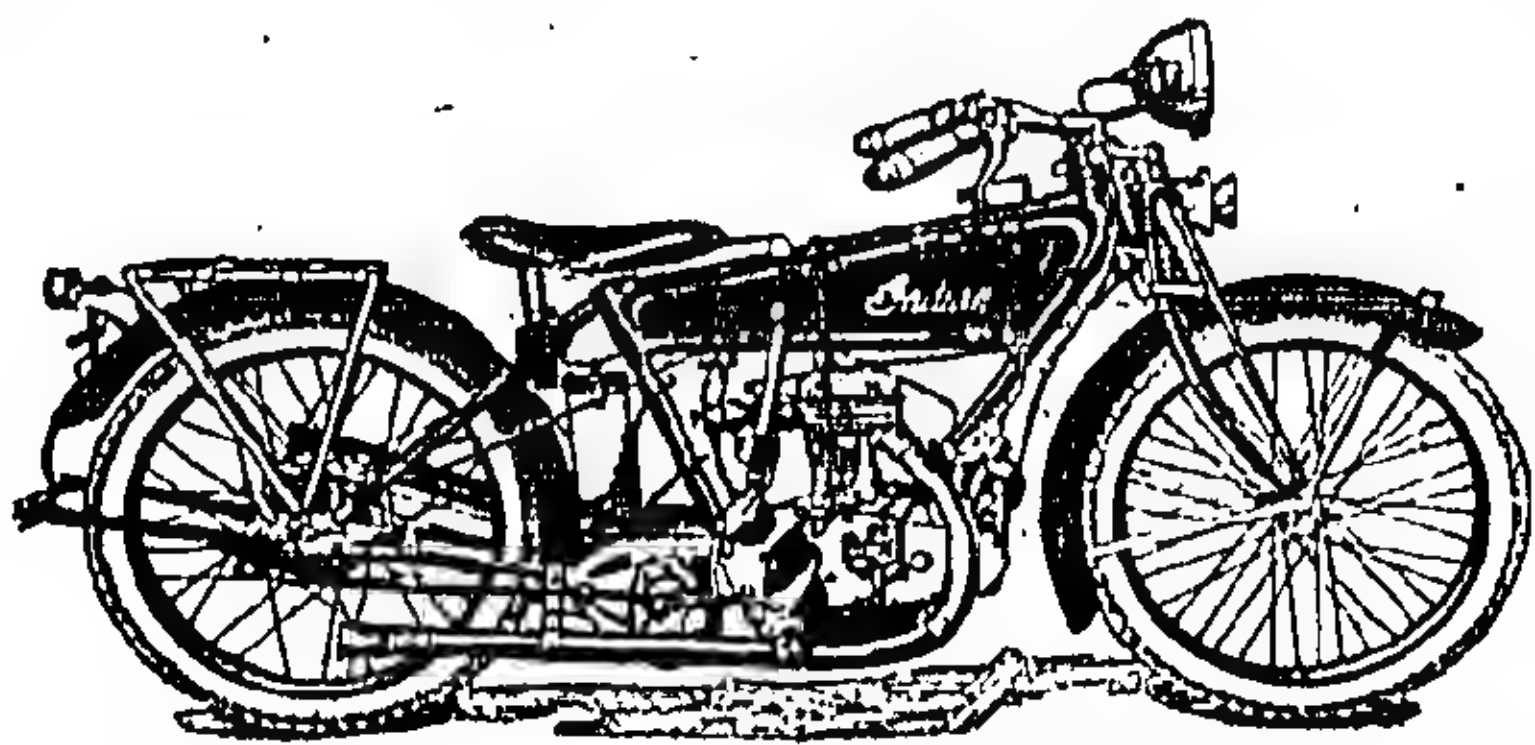
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MOTOR EXHIBITION.

BETTER AND CHEAPER CARS.

(BY TIMES MOTORING CORRESPONDENT.)

The Motor Exhibition, which was held this year at Olympia, was undoubtedly a success.

To deal first with cost. For a sum varying between £145 and £160 it is now possible to buy a two, three, or even a four-seater car of reliable build and sound design. Moreover, the number of such makes is large enough to offer purchasers a satisfactory range of choice. These machines are usually called 7 h.p. models, though on the brake the engines may give anything between 12 and 28, or even more horsepower when run at really high revolution rate.

Here then are cars which are inexpensive to buy, and have ample power, but are not costly in annual taxation. The Savons will run 50 or more miles to the gallon, while tyres last for a big mileage and are relatively cheap. The acceleration power and the speed capacity—45-50 miles an hour on the level—are two of the most notable characteristics of this class, and in their way they show clearly the remarkable progress which has been made in metallurgy and chassis design and construction during the last few years. In my opinion the cycle-car did not deserve its early demise. It has, however, been quite superseded by the 7 h.p. car, and in considering the prices it should be borne in mind that in most cases the chassis is built on large-car lines, that is, the lay-out follows orthodox and well-tried practice. Included for the price is usually a comprehensive equipment (in one instance this comprises five low pressure tyres and disc wheels, speedometer, windscreen wiper, driving mirror, and so forth), a starting device and dynamo lighting being standard fittings.

GOOD VALUE.

In the 11 and 12 h.p. classes value for money is again exceptionally good. Two-three seater, well fitted and complete with every kind of useful accessory so that there need be no extras after purchase, can be bought at prices ranging from £175 to about £450, and four-seaters from under £200 upwards. This type will attain 50 miles an hour and will run about 40 miles to the gallon. The very width of the price limits illustrates the variety which is offered for 1925.

Two years ago a 7 h.p. coupe cost £270; the price to-day for an improved and much better fitted model is £170. Another Seven was priced then at £250 and now costs £150. A certain make of popular and well-made Twelve was sold at £490, while at this year's Show it will be exhibited as a four-five seater with all the latest improvements at £355. Instances need not be multiplied; progress has been made throughout the scale.

In the 14 h.p. class there are makes and types to suit motorists of all tastes, and here again the value offered for 1925 is excellent, especially as a touring model, of which there are many makes in this category, will carry five grown persons easily and comfortably.

The Fourteen makes the ideal four-seater light saloon. A high degree of comfort can be had, the power is ample for touring, and the machine, with its relatively low taxation and petrol and oil consumptions, long tyre life due to reasonable weight, and comparatively low rate of depreciation among the better-made productions, is not only moderate in price, but is economical to maintain.

Those who wish to carry four persons and luggage or to seat five in all with ease will be wise, if they want a closed car, to choose from the 16, 18, 20 h.p. classes.

It may be said that in every class of car to be seen at Olympia, from the 7's to the 70's, the ruling principle in the motorist's New Year is much better cars at much lower prices.

SUPER TYPES.

In sporting and super types of car there are many makes, indeed surprisingly many, when prices are considered. France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, America, and Great Britain all contribute triumphs of the motor engineer's skill, and prices vary too much to be usefully quoted. For instance, one can buy a diminutive racer, probably capable of doing 65 miles an hour, for under £200, or one can pay £1,000 for a sports model guaranteed to do 90, while prices of cars *de luxe* run up to about £3,000.

There is no doubt that, with two, three, and four-seater touring machines costing £150 and under at one end of the scale, and cars capable of taking five and seven persons, with anything from 40 to 70 brake horsepower engines, and costing about £400, at the other, motoring will increase in this country in 1925 even more rapidly than during the last two years. With the removal of the McKenna duties and free import for cars built under favourable conditions which could not prevail here, the prices of foreign machines have come down very much. It must be admitted that many of those productions represent excellent value, and American designers have begun to understand European tastes and requirements, so that for those whose conscience does not prick them when ordering a foreign car there is a choice almost bewildering in its initial inexpensiveness. Moreover, American manufacturers have greatly improved their engine balance and quietness of running, and, although the English users' tax is relatively heavy, the almost complete avoidance of gear changing, except on the severest gradients, is pleasing to many motorists. Nevertheless, initial price is relative. As long as the purchaser of any inexpensive car realizes that depreciation must be written off accordingly, and not at the lower rate of a better car, all will be well with him. One cannot pay a comparatively low price and get the durability and trustworthiness of a more superior production. Having therefore, settled how to buy, he can take his choice, confident that he will not be disappointed.

ROOM FOR EXPANSION.

In consequence of low purchase prices, reduced cost of running, better roads, and a growing habit of using them, the increase of motors in 1925 should be large. In America there are about 7-2 persons to every car; in California last year, every third person owned a motor vehicle. In 1923 America produced over 4,000,000 motors. Incidentally, it is interesting to note that of the 3,694,237 cars 34 per cent. were closed. At the end of last year there were 18,000,000 odd motors in the world, and 88 out of every 100 were in America. American conditions are widely different from English, and even though we have the world's highest ratio of road mileage to area, it is unlikely that we shall come to own motors to the same extent. Last year the number of motor licences granted in this country was about 1,141,500—a good many more than the year before; but there is still much scope for expansion, and next year should mark another step forward.

Low-pressure, balloon, or comfort tyres, as they are called, are much in view, not only on small cars but on medium and even large ones too. Four-wheel and front-wheel brakes have come to stay, as is seen from the number of cars at Olympia so equipped. There is a good sprinkling of entirely new models. Considerable progress has been made in the 1 1/2 and 2 litre types of car, and Continental manufacturers will point more and more towards the growth of the small and the large car.

It will be found in most cases that the 1925 engine, although rateable at much the same figure as its predecessor, develops greater power and will do its work more smoothly and quietly. Generally speaking accessibility has been carefully studied and improved, and design is in the main cleaner even among many American cars, in which untidiness, especially under the bonnet, has been usually noticeable.

Equipment has at last been made more complete, and many modern cars are now fitted with all that delights enthusiasts. I am glad to note that pneumatic upholstery is becoming more popular. In coachwork good strides have been made, and there are signs that we shall soon have durable and labour-saving finishes which are cheaper initially and less expensive to maintain. As to bodywork, it was stated a year or two ago that the saloon and the enclosed landaulet and limousine were the coming types. That forecast was right and interesting developments are taking place in construction, whereby flexibility is obtained, weight is reduced, and repairs can be easily carried out, and at the lowest cost.

FABRIC BODIES SHOWN.

Four-wheel brakes and fabric bodies were on exhibition at the French auto show. The fabric body especially is being produced for the small, light car, the kind made for two, three or four passengers.

SPEED GIRL!



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At the left above is seen a model of black velvet featuring embroidery of gold and crystal beads on flesh radium. On the right is a Russian ermine evening wrap. It is of one piece and is worn to form a double cape of whatever length desired.

PARIS NOVELTIES IN FOOTWEAR.

There is a fad among smart Parisiennes for wearing high shoes about the house, in order to regain shapeliness of ankles lost through a continuous wearing of low shoes.

Shoes are simpler this season, with a tendency towards somewhat higher models, in kid and calf. One of the reasons advanced for the waning favour of the cut-out slashed sandals has been their tendency to cause spreading of the foot.

Gun metal sheer silk, a new shade in dark hosiery, is seen on the boulevards, accompanying black kid or black calf shoes. Toto de negro silk stockings are also being worn with harmonising footwear.

The demi-boot or half-boot, which has hitherto been restricted to morning wear, may now be seen at afternoon teas at the Ritz. One of the smartest models is a combination of blue kid and champagne kid.

Demi-boots in black kid relieved by a touch of red, are likely to be smart all through the autumn, with black hosiery in keeping with the more conservative tendencies.

For each style of dress these days demands a shoe style in keeping. For the street suit, it is undoubtedly one of the strapped sandals which will have the honour of being chosen. If the suit is black, they will be black, patent leather, or, more daringly, dark brown leather. If it is beige or sand colour or brown, the shoes may match the suit in one

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THIRTY?

Balzac once carelessly tossed off the remark that a woman is most beautiful when she's 30. Any woman can tell you that it's also the time to buy a set of reducing records, a childish bob, and the best cold cream on the market.

Nothing is more awful than being 30 unless it's being 31. It's the death of your real youth and it's death in another way; you have to face it alone.

It is the day when you must for ever decide whether to have a weekly mud pack and meet the flapper on her own ground or turn to the more serious things of life.

Behind you are the carefree twenties when nothing mattered and ahead of you are the splendid idle forties when nothing matters anyway. But right here is the moment when if you are frivolous and wise you will weed all the baby blues and innocent pinks from your clothes closet, and become an interesting woman.

You will lay in a more subtle brand of perfume. You will learn to flatter the eternal masculine if you would still have an occasional appointment with him.

of the glazed kid leathers, or they may be black kid.

And the handbag? Shall it match the shoes, or the hat? Shall it introduce a note of bright colour? Green? Red? Dark brown, like the shoes, but printed in gold? That point decided, and the costume assembled, the Parisienne notes the effect.

THIS WEEKS RECIPE.

PEANUT CANDY.

Two cups granulated sugar, 1 cup shelled and skinned roasted peanuts. Put sugar into an iron frying pan. Melt over a warm straw colour. Stir in the peanuts and pour into wellbuttered pan. Mark into squares and break on creases when cold and brittle.

"DON'TS" FOR FANCY DRESS.

Don't, first and foremost, choose a dress which is going to take up a great deal of space, to present dangerous splininess or protruberances, or to be uncomfortable, either for yourself or for your dancing partners. However effective the dress may look, your evening will not be enjoyable; in fact, it will be punctuated by audible "asides" and glares of hatred, your happiest moment will be when, in the shelter of your own room, you disentangle yourself from the wreckage.

Don't wear a costume which looks too incongruous with ordinary dancing shoes. You will find it very tiring to dance for a whole evening in anything else.

Don't don't—it has been said so many times before, but never often enough—don't on any account wear anything very inflammable. Materials can be very cheaply and easily fire-proofed nowadays; theatrical costumes are always treated in this way, and the precaution should always be extended to flimsy fancy dress frocks.

Don't bother too much about accuracy of detail; not one guest in a hundred has enough knowledge of costume and period to appreciate the result, whereas a frock that expresses your own personality, that is fantastic, gay, becoming, a relief from the sameness of modern evening clothes, will be admired by everyone.

Don't forget to make-up. Fancy dress worn without any assistance of this kind has a most depressing effect; also, amongst made-up faces, a natural complexion looks colourless and uninteresting. (Alas! that it should be so. One would so much prefer to write that an unpainted face made one stand

the neck and arms, but not where it will be touched by any metal trimming or ornament, as this produces an ugly grey mark on the skin.

Don't attempt a dark make-up, even if you are wearing, for instance, an Eastern dress, with which it would really be correct. It is impossible to get a smooth, dark effect on the face without using gross paint, and it needs the greatest experience and care to render this makeup attractive at close quarters.

Don't spend so much on one fancy dress that you will feel obliged to wear it year in year out, until you and all your friends become thoroughly tired of it. It is far more amusing to arrange something cheap which can be varied from time to time and discarded altogether at the end of a season.

Don't feel that you are obliged to "be" someone or something or other. It doesn't matter in the least what your dress represents.

Don't copy other people's ideas—try, if possible, to think out something that really expresses what you like, and what is personal to yourself.

HOW TO UTILISE PLAID MATERIALS.

Plaids occupy quite an important place in to-day's modes. There are delightful plaid kashas, soft of colour and of texture. There are gloriously brilliant plaids, red and black, yellow and grey, green and blue; in fact all of the good old clean colours. There are also the large checks in just two colours like a checker board.

These solid squares make some charming frocks, which usually



Narrow shoulder straps and sketchy draperies constitute the costume of Vera Makinnon, American dancer, in Paris. Fellow Americans protested at her garb two years ago, but now she is as generously revealing as ever.

INEXPENSIVE FURS.

Never before have furs been so cleverly blended, and even cheap pelts are worked up with such amazing skill that luxurious effects can be achieved at comparatively little expense. Amongst the favoured new furs is gazelle. This has been exploited by one designer who has used it most successfully to trim a long black coat of Directoire mode, destined to be worn over a frock of mushroom coloured silk crepe that, exactly matching the lining of the coat, reproduces the delicate tone of the pale-hued pelt, which looks its best when used as borders and edgings rather than in massed effect.

Japanese mink, sable-dyed squirrel, leopard cat, silver muskrat, and cony chinchillas, worked to a high pitch of artistic perfection, are other favoured furs this season; as is also badger—a fur that looks its best when trimming the roughest red coloured cloth coats worn over short-skirted fur hemmed frocks to match.

A costume of this type, worn with a small bell-shaped hat of the same tone of pelt, embroidered

TO-DAY'S BEAUTY NOTE.

A weekly Turkish bath is a great help in attaining a clear and beautiful skin; but some of us do not find that they suit us or cannot manage to take them regularly. Everyone, however, can secure one of their chief benefits by buying a flesh glove, such as are used by the bath attendants, and using it once or twice a week. These special gloves can be bought from most chemists.

After soaking the skin for five or ten minutes in a warm bath, put on the glove and gently rub the skin all over the body. The glove must not be too wet and no soap must be put on it. The amount of crime it removes will be astonishing! Then wash with soap and an ordinary flannel and the skin will be found exceptionally satiny and smooth.

in self-coloured silk feathers looks very well. For dresses, hats and coats of the same colour are in high favour. Sometimes a felt wallet of exaggerated size, embroidered like the hat and edged with fur, is used to heighten the effect.

SPORTS CLOTHES ARE QUITE ATTRACTIVE.



Sports outfits are very attractive. At the left is shown an ensemble costume of emerald green knitted jersey with tunic blouse of black and white stripes. At the right is a sports dress of beige knitted jersey with embroidery and goat fur. The sports hat in the centre is of brown felt, trimmed with pheasant feathers.

USE A LITTLE PARAFFIN.

Your tiled hearth will become clean and bright again much more quickly if a little paraffin is used to clean it.

If a drip or two of paraffin is placed upon the polished for the windows and mirrors, they will last much longer and be less likely to show traces of flies.

A little paraffin on the dust-pan used for polished furniture will revive the gloss of polished wood and remove traces of fingermarks. Rusted and neglected steel will revive when rubbed with paraffin

out, like a simple flower, amongst the gaudy throng.)

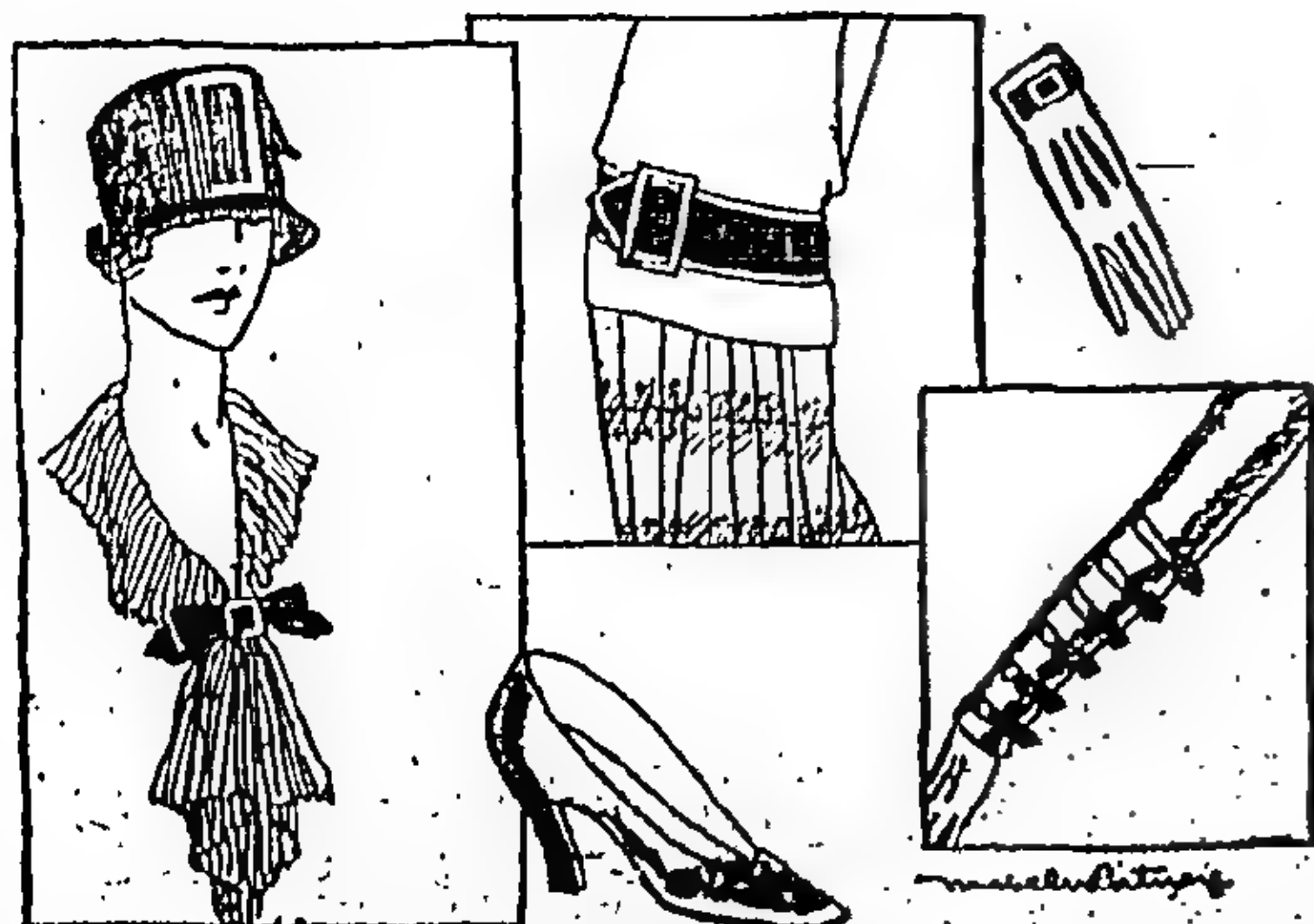
Don't on the other hand, overdo it. A heavy make-up, such as would be suitable for the stage, is unbecoming and even repulsive in a ballroom. The best effect is obtained by a fairly thick coating of powder applied over a vanishing extraordinary cold cream, a liberal application of rouge, and the eyebrows and eyelashes darkened with "water black" (not cosmetic, which is greasy, and should only be used for the stage). Liquid powder should be used for

combine borders of plain material with the checked trimming with plain material making the greater part of the frock.

The checks and plaids are also good in sport coats, many of which are bordered or lined with these designs, or are even entirely made of the checked goods.

Circular coats and capes look particularly well made of squares of checks, as these garments hold the monotony of the plaid. It appears in a straight line, shaped garment.

THE VOGUE OF THE BUCKLE.



A very long buckle of silver fits into the scheme of the tall buckle-topped hat of silk beaver. Another fastens the broad sports belt that is colourful green leather. Slipper, glove and sleeve are some proofs of the buckle's versatility.

SMART HAIR ORNAMENTS.



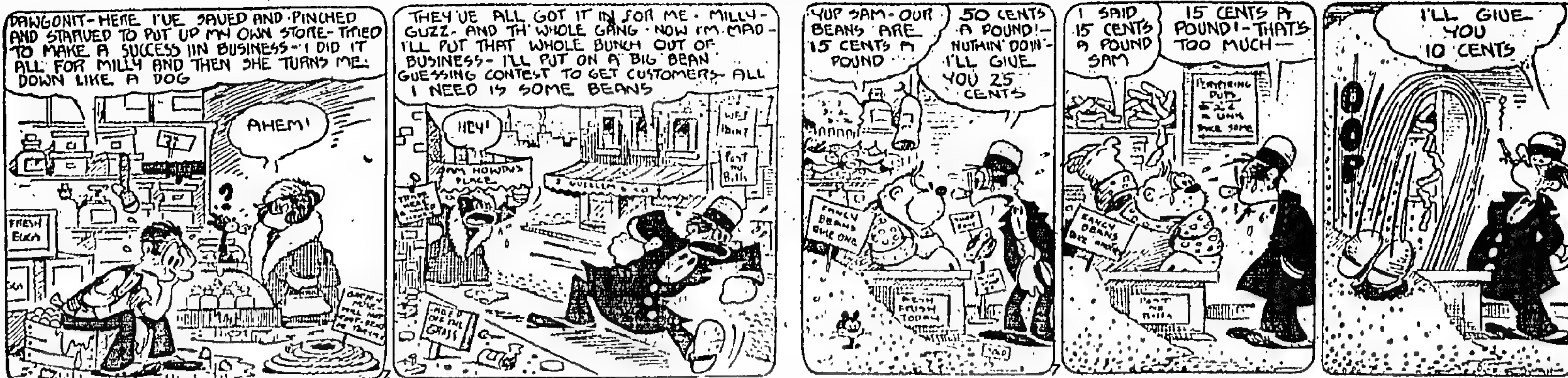
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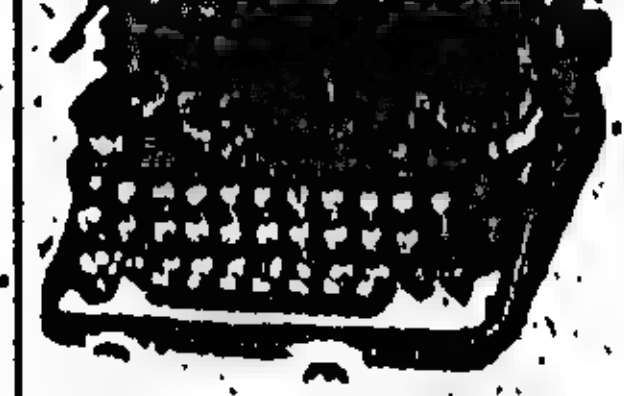
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Wife (bitterly)—"Well, at any rate, I should be a great deal better off than the women who have never had any practice."

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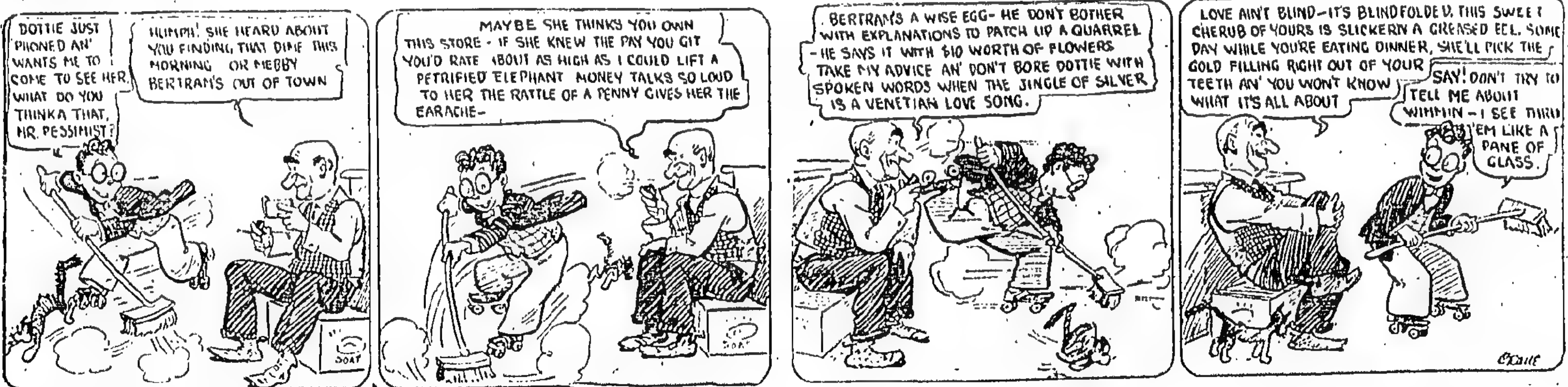
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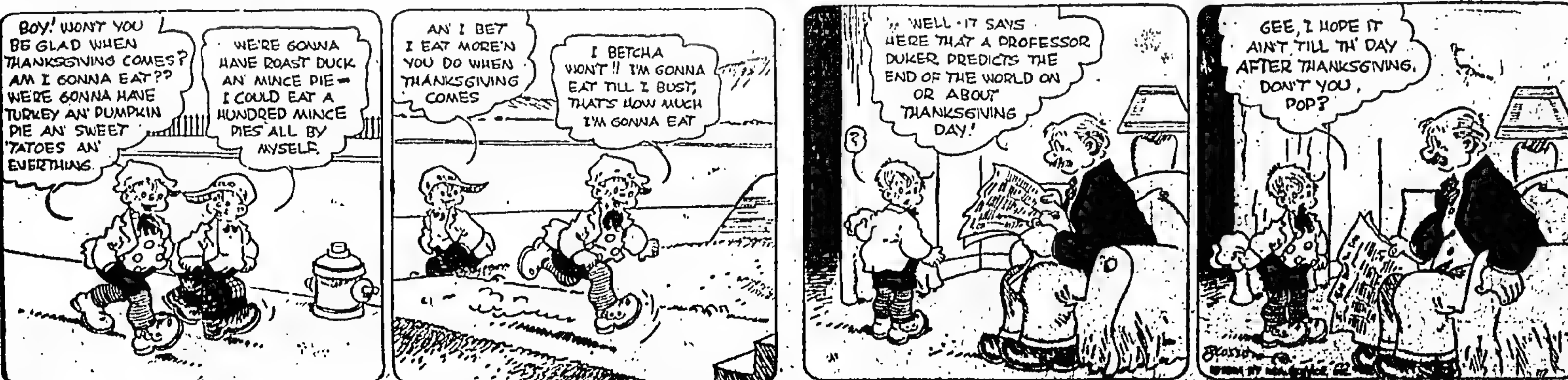
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By the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, M. A.

It is man's unique privilege to be able not only to think but to give expression to his thoughts so as to be intelligible to others. Do we, however, ever grasp the word until it is made flesh? "Ideas," said George Eliot, "are often poor ghosts: our sun-filled eyes cannot discern them; but sometimes they are made flesh. They are clothed in a living human soul.....their presence is a power and shakes us like a passion....." If this be so with other words, how could the grandest, holiest word of all be expressed except in the same way? "The Word was made flesh,"—St. John, chap. 1—14. There was no other way of saying "God" that we could understand. We should never have understood, says Boreham, the abstract definition of so august a term—God; and so "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God, and the Word was made flesh." We can understand that great word now. Bethlehem has made it wonderfully plain. The Word, God, would have frightened us if it had not been expressed in the terms of a "Face, like my face, and a heart that beats in sympathy with my own." The most awful, mysterious word that human lips can utter has become the most winsome in the whole vocabulary. God is Jesus and Jesus is God. The Word was made flesh. And so the word had breath and wrought

With human hands the creed of creeds. In loveliness of perfect deeds More strong than all poetic thought. But all this involved great sacrifice for Him. Jesus Christ became poor that we, through His poverty, might become rich. The Chinese have a lovely legend of the Great Bell of Peking. The Emperor, they say, sent for the caster of the bell and described the bell he desired. It was to be larger than any ever made. Its tone to be more beautiful and its music to be heard a hundred miles. He was to have great honours if he succeeded and a cruel death if he failed. The caster set to work, laboured day and night with the costliest metals. He finished the bell and was disappointed. He tried again and failed. He was at his wife's end. Then Koai, his beautiful daughter, consulted an astrologer. He assured her that if the blood of a fair virgin were mingled with the metals, the music would ravish the ears of every listener. Koai returned to the foundry and when the glowing metal poured white-hot she plunged into the shining bath before her. The music of the Great Bell is, the Chinese say, the music of her sacrifice. It is only an Oriental myth, but it helps us to understand the solemn sweetness of the Christmas Bells proclaiming the Word made flesh.

DAY BY DAY.

There was only 0.74-inch of rain recorded at the Botanic Gardens during December.

A slight outbreak of fire in the drying room of Mr. Pentecost's residence, at No. 357 the Peak, was extinguished by the police yesterday.

The public is reminded of the farewell performance of the Wish Wynne Company to-night, when an entire change of programme will be given, as well as several numbers by special request.

A Chinese is being charged by the police with failing to stop after an accident on the Praya East yesterday, in which a Chinese girl was knocked down and injured by his motor cycle.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Arthur Leslie Terry, of the China and Japan Telegraph and Electric Co., Ltd., and Miss Daisy Annie Kearney, en route from England, on the Malwa.

A football match has been arranged between the teams Club Juvenil and Asociacao Desportiva Macaense, on the Kowloon-Canton Railway Ground on Sunday the 4th inst., at 3.15 p.m. Mr. P. M. X. X. has kindly consented to referee the match.

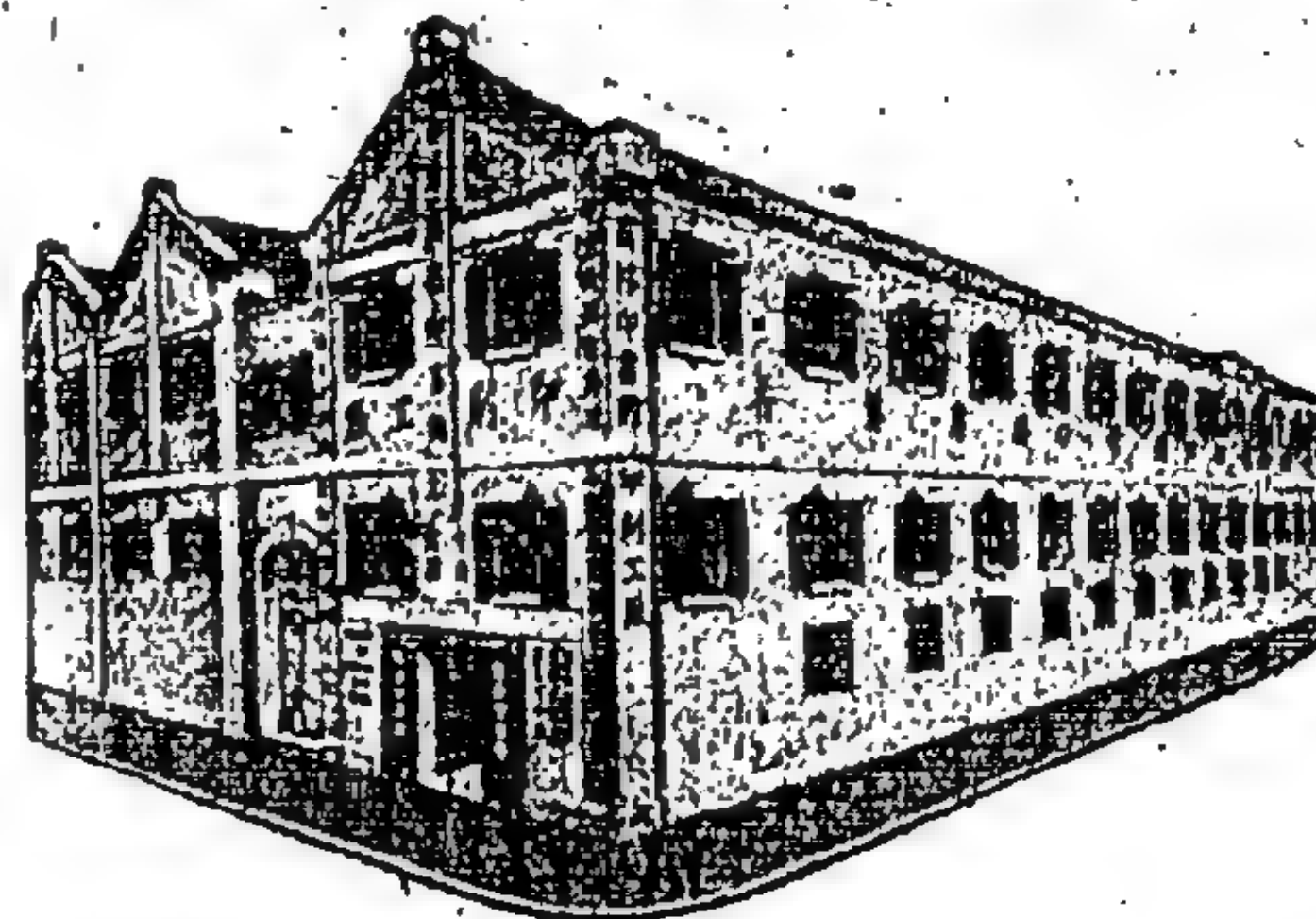
The engagement is announced of Mr. A. E. Farrell, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Farrell, of Liverpool, and Miss Marjorie Joy, only daughter of Mrs. W. Morley, of Kowloon, and the late Mr. T. G. Joy, of Cardiff.

His many friends will be sorry to hear, says a Malayan paper, that Mr. A. E. Holmes-Brown, the late captain of the Perak State cricket team, is so ill that, in all probability, he will have to go home. Mr. Holmes-Brown captained the Malayan Interport team which visited Hongkong in November.

An official notice posted at the Harbour Office states that shipping is warned to use the utmost caution when navigating through the south channel or the Italian Straits. The s.s. Wing Hong reports having gone aground in a position 1 1/2 to 2 cables N. 40 W. from the Red Buoy and on the line of Riverdale Buoy and the small hill marked 89 ft. on the Admiralty chart No 876.

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PROFESSOR'S LIFE SACRIFICE.

Bordeaux, Jan. 2. Science has claimed another martyr in the person of Professor Bergonié, who has died after months of suffering from the ravages of Röntgen rays, with which he experimented with brilliant success, particularly against cancer.

Despite successive amputation, the Professor only abandoned his laboratory when he had become a hopeless cripple.

He was recently awarded the Grand Croix of the Legion of Honour.—*Reuter*.

A charge of importing 23 show puppies without a permit was brought under the anti-rabies regulations against a young Chinese before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Central Magistracy to-day. Inspector Fred Fisher, who prosecuted on instructions from Mr. B. L. Frost and the Captain Superintendent of Police, said that the animals were brought from Canton by the Lunghsan. He made an application for confiscation, but this was not considered by his Worship, who imposed only a nominal fine of \$5.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY MATCH.

The annual cricket match between "Past" and "Present" was played at the University on New Year's Day, and the "Present" had much the better of things. Going in to bat first, the "Present" team compiled 133 (B. P. Ng 41), and later scored 116 for 2 (H. N. Balhatchet 64, not out). The "Past" eleven compiled 107 (Ng Sze-kwong 34) and 69 for 6, Balhatchet taking 4 for 25 in their first innings and A. A. Rumjahn 5 for 59 in the second.

The Hongkong Electric Recreation Club were the guests of the Craigengower Cricket Club, and were easily defeated by their hosts, who scored 252 (M. Pinna 107, retired). The visitors compiled 75, and then 110. (Paul 41).

BRITAINS UNEMPLOYED.

The number of unemployed persons on the 24th of November in Great Britain was 1,190,400. This was 18,600 fewer than in the previous month, and 95,000 fewer than at the end of 1923.

OBITUARY.

FAMOUS CARTOONIST.

London, Jan. 2. The death has occurred of the cartoonist, Sir F. C. Gould.—*Reuter*. [The famous political cartoonist, Sir F. C. Gould, who had attained his 80th year, had for years been producing work almost daily for the *Westminster Gazette*. He was once described (by Lord Rosebery) as the Liberal Party's greatest asset. His first exhibition of original drawings, which afterwards became an annual affair, was held in 1892, and was only interrupted after 22 years by the late war. He also issued a self-illustrated volume of poems, in 1923. He lost his wife in 1920.

By the death of this noted figure in political journalism a big gap has been caused which it will be hard to fill.]

DISARMAMENT.

SHIFLED FOR THE PRESENT.

Washington, Jan. 2.

President Coolidge is stated to disavow Mr. Borah's proposal for an international economic disarmament conference, including Germany and Russia, because such a conference would be too broad to obtain practical results.

The War Department appropriation Bill, reported to the House of Representatives, involves an expenditure of three hundred and thirty-one million dollars, which is three hundred thousand below the Budget estimates. The number of the personnel is unchanged.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SOVIET METHOD.

ENGINEERING NEW ELECTION.

Riga, Jan. 2.

A message from Moscow says the Soviet Government, after investigation, has decided that the elections, which began two months ago, have introduced undesirable elements into the Soviet Government, consequently it has ordered fresh elections, and has instructed the local Bolshevik authorities to do their utmost to combat the electors' apathy and counteract the increased influence of the Kulaks, otherwise the well-to-do peasants, by assembling a maximum number of the peasant masses to participate in the elections and ensure the return of Communists and non-Communist supporters of the Soviet regime.—*Reuter*.

INTERNATIONAL DEBTS.

THE QUESTION OF SETTLEMENT.

Washington, Jan. 2.

A high official of the State Department has authorised the statement that no assurance has been received in Washington from London that Britain will not oppose the Franco-American debt settlement on terms more lenient than the Anglo-American settlement, as alleged in a report published in London, but the absence of any denial by the British Foreign Office that such suggestions might be forthcoming was noted with the greatest interest.—*Reuter's American Service*.

FRENCH PROPOSALS.

London, Jan. 2.

The nature of the French proposals reaching Washington regarding the repayment of the war debt is elucidated by a Paris semi-official message, stating that M. Clémentel recently communicated some unofficial suggestions to Mr. Horrick for transmission to Washington, but no French offer binding on the French Government has been made.

The *Journal de Debats* forecasts the French proposals, and suggests a moratorium for ten years, with payments spread over ninety years.—*Reuter*.

Washington, Jan. 2.

The Cabinet has informally considered intimations which have reached American officials giving an advance summary of a forthcoming French Note dealing with war debts.

The nature of the contents is not divulged. Official circles are unwilling to comment, but gratification is shown in the fact that the discussions have at last produced a proposal from Paris.—*Reuter's American Service*.

TEA PRICES.

LONDON MARKET RIGGED.

London, Jan. 2.

The *Evening Standard* says that with the resumption of sales in the tea market this week, a big effort will be made to defeat the brokers whose operations are alleged to have brought the market towards confusion.

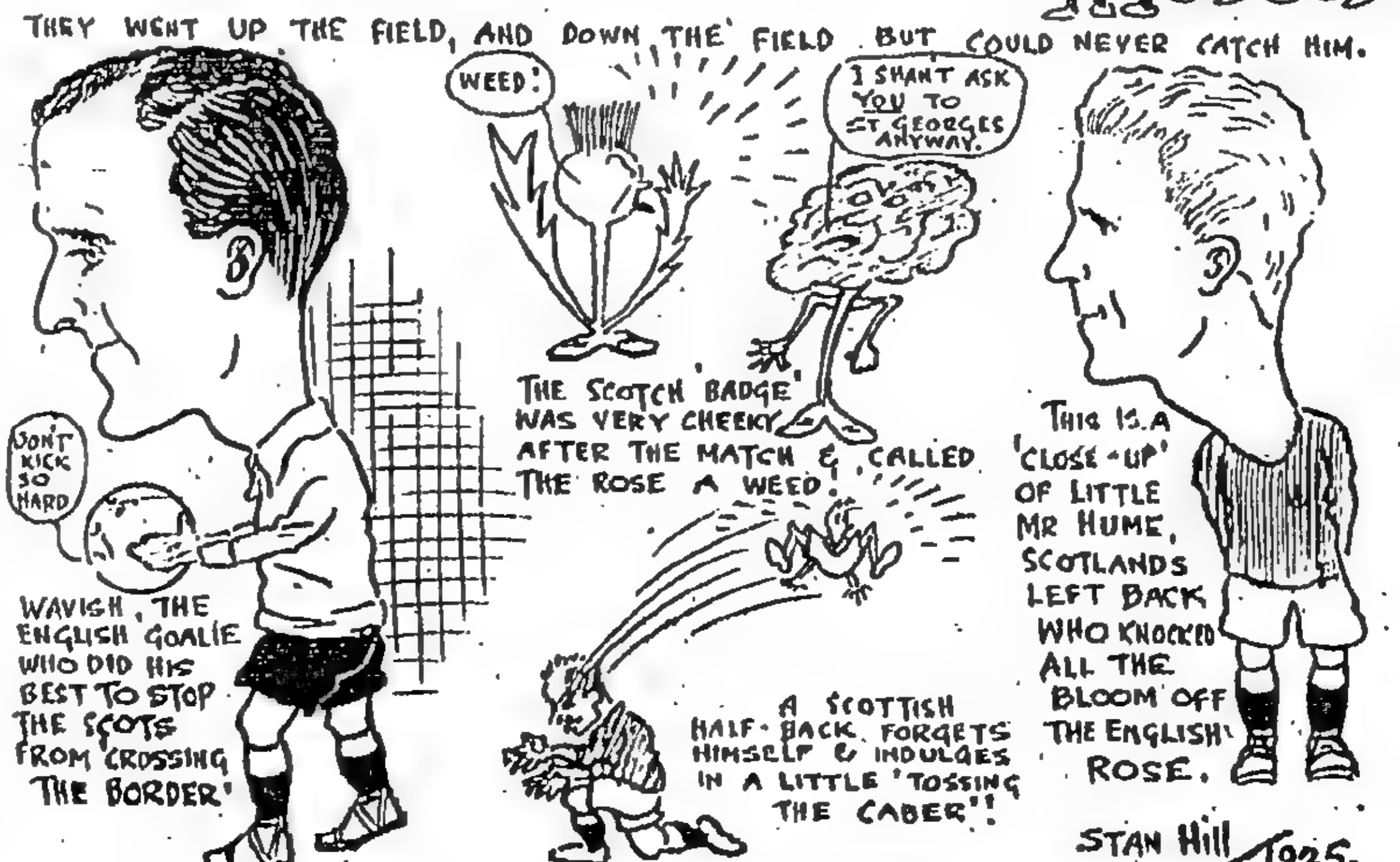
Mincing Lane is preparing for the biggest battle the tea trade has ever witnessed.

The paper adds that recent enormous speculative purchases of tea for resale by bidders who have been able to outbid competitors, has had the effect of steadily raising the market price by at least sixpence a pound. In the event of these efforts being successful, there is every prospect of a substantial reduction of the retail prices.

The Royal Commission on Food Prices has had its attention drawn to the position.—*Reuter*.

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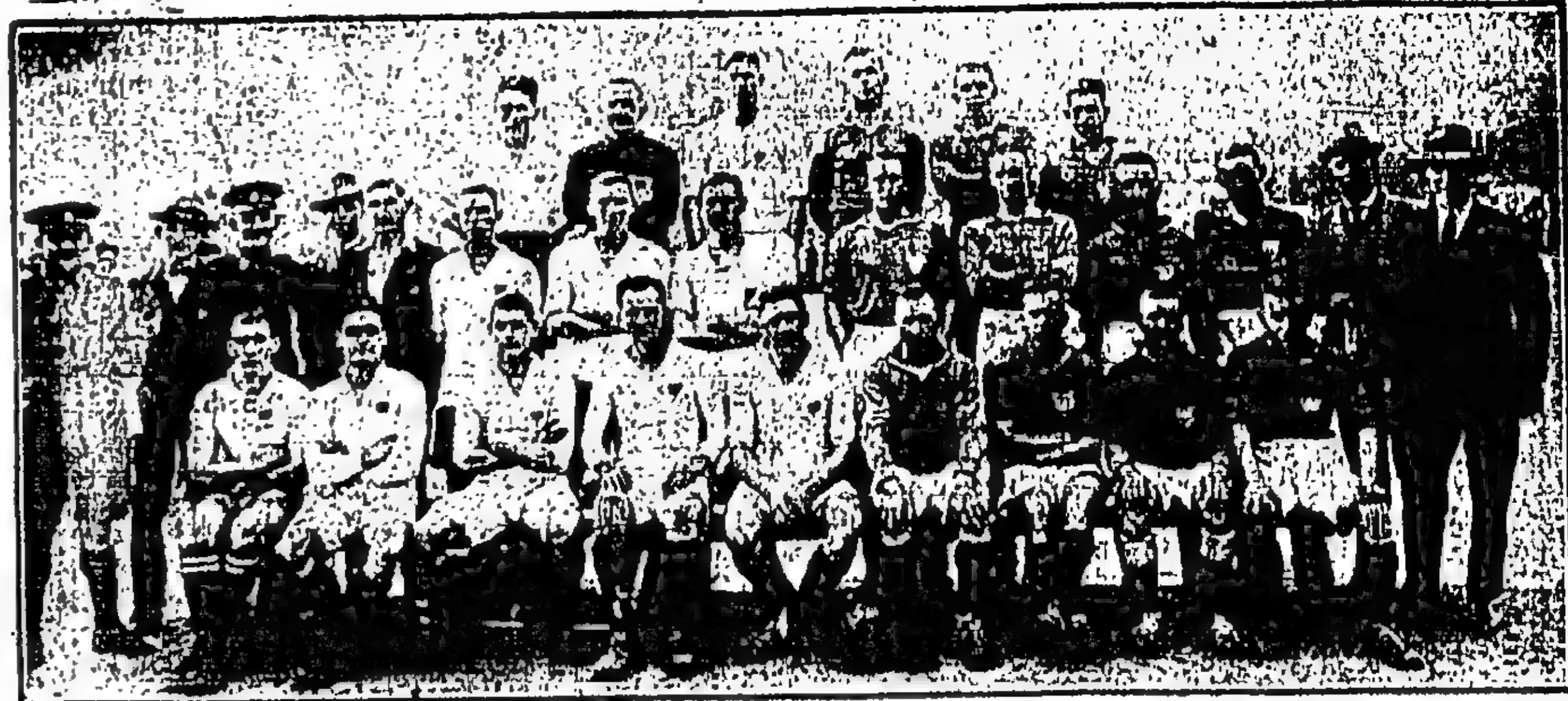
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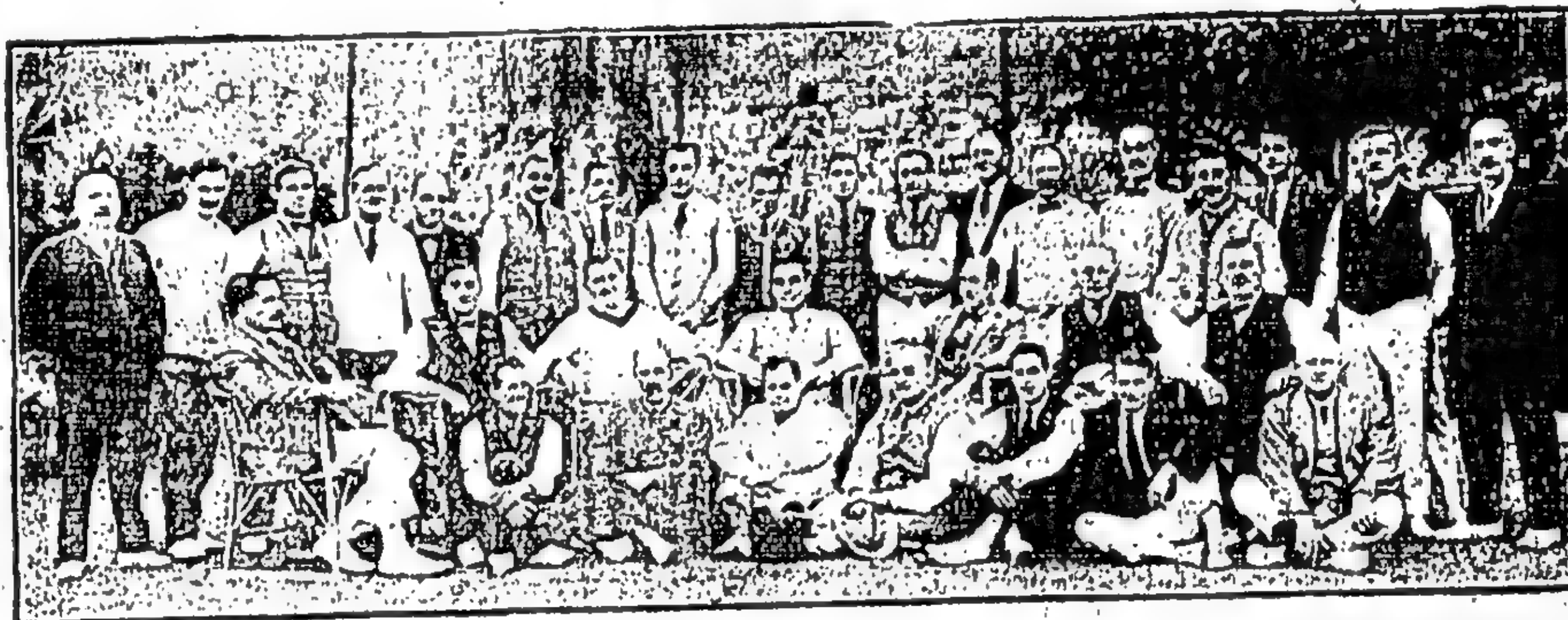
CAMERA NEWS



HONGKONG'S PRODIGY.—Master Emil
C. Danenberg, who scored three big successes at
Manila recently and is to give a piano recital at
the City Hall on the 8th instant at 5.30 p.m.



ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND.—Here are the English and Scottish "soccer" teams who recently met in
Hongkong. (Photo: Ming Yuen.)



BOWLERS ALL.—Group taken at the recent lawn bowls match between Kowloon Bowling Green Club
and a team of local Scotsmen. (Photo: Ah Leung's Studio.)



COLLEGE STAFF.—Above is a group of the teaching staff of Queen's College, the Headmaster (Mr. B. Tanner)
being central figure seated. (Photo: Moe Cheung.)



FINE COLFERS.—Mr. A. B. Stewart (right) and Mr. I.
Shevan (left), the winner and runner-up respectively of the
Hongkong Golf Championship. (Photo: Moe Cheung.)

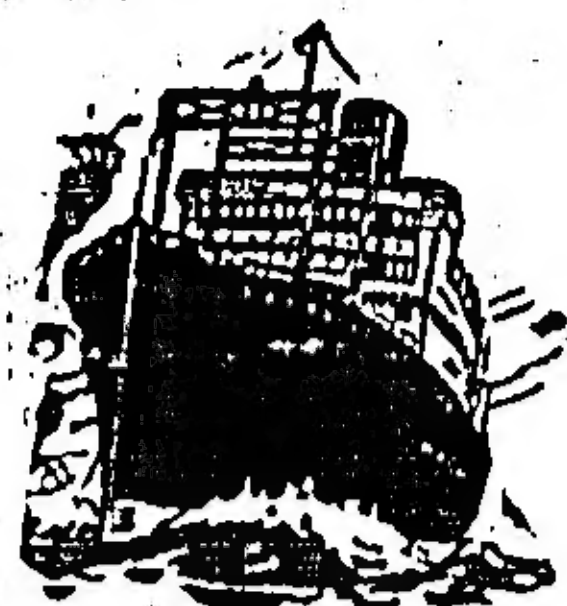


AT FANLING.—Above Mr. Shevan is seen putting in the
golf final; whilst below Mr. Stewart is seen driving. (Photos:
Moe Cheung.)



EAST SUSSEX FOXHOUNDS.—The Huntsman saluting and leading the field through
the village of Crowhurst, Sussex, to the covert. ("The Times" copyright photograph.)

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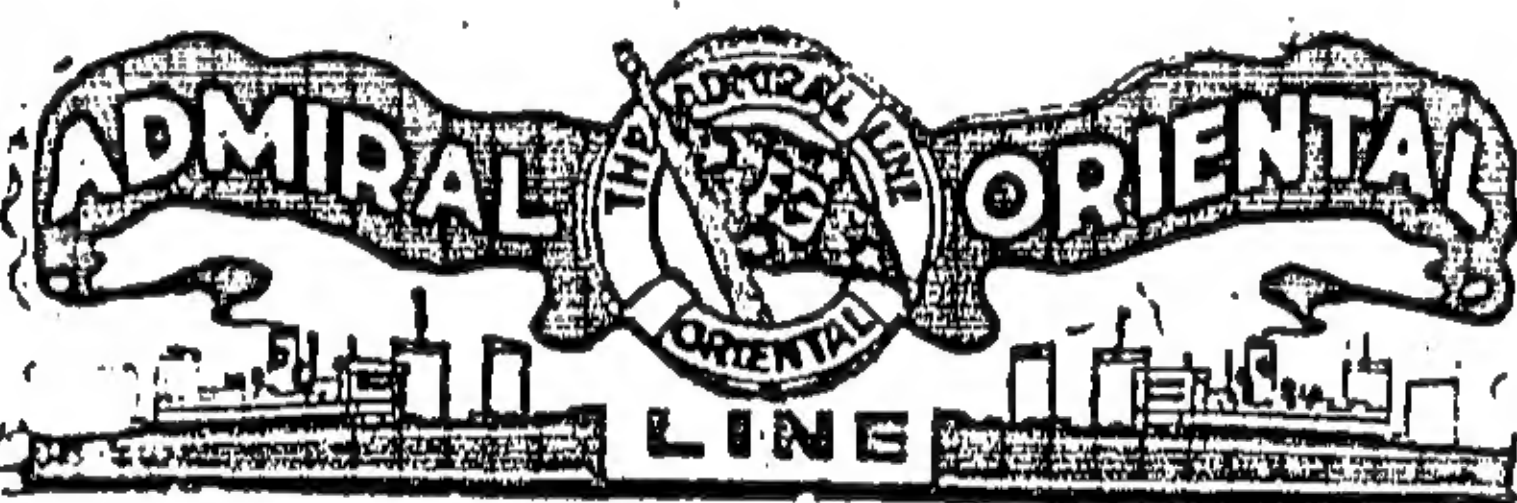
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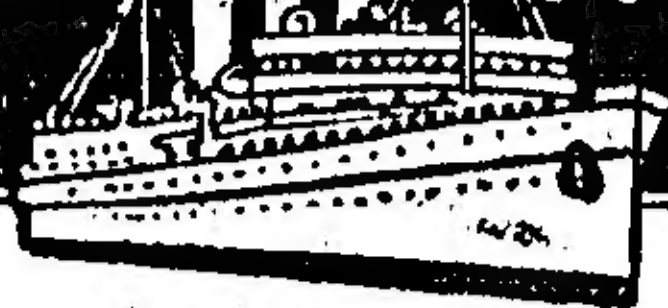
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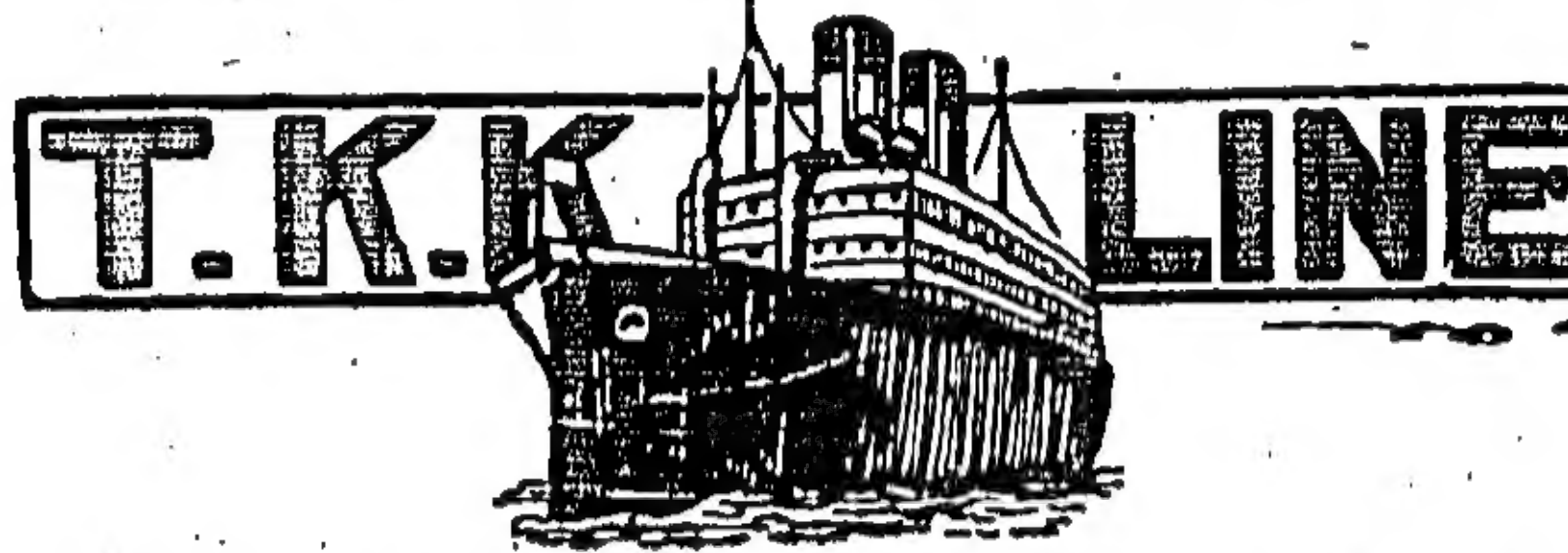
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Steamers	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjisondari	Dalry	In Port	3rd Jan.	B'nia & M'tok
*Tjikarang	Java	In Port	5th Jan.	S'hai & Dalry
Tjikini	Shanghai	9th Jan.	11th Jan.	Mak. & S'hai
*Tjikodas	Java	13th Jan.	17th Jan.	S'hai & Amoy
Tjikmanock	Shanghai	15th Jan.	17th Jan.	Soerabaja
*Tjikbeet	Java	15th Jan.	18th Jan.	Yokohama
*Tjikembang	Java	22nd Jan.	26th Jan.	Shanghai
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Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

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All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which then cannot be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 5th Jan. 1925, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately. United States Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, Agents.

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE.
4, Des Vaux Road.
Hongkong, December, 29th 1924.

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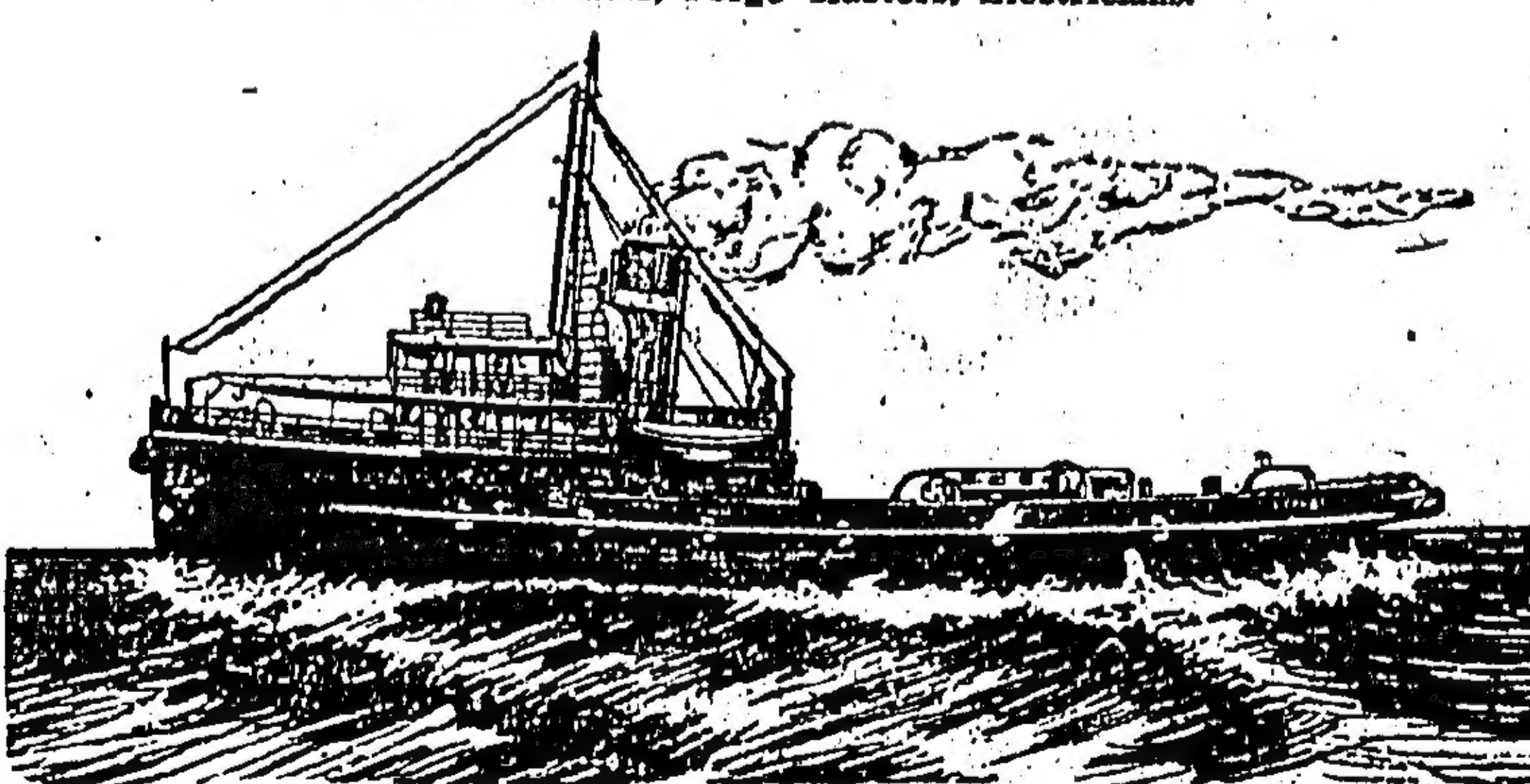
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MACEDONIA	11,089	10th Jan. noon	Marseilles & London
SICILIA	6,813	21st Jan.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
ITALY	9,118	24th Jan.	M'les, L'don, R'dam & A'werp
MOOREA	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles & London
SARDINIA	6,684	18th Feb.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
KASHMIR	8,963	21st Feb.	M'les, London & Antwerp
HALWA	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
BOUDAN	6,696	18th Mar.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
KASHGAR	9,005	21st Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp
SICILIA	6,813	31st Mar.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
ANTUA	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KARALA	9,098	18th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
SARDINIA	6,684	16th May	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
NAGOGA	6,854	23rd May	Marseilles & London

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KAIRBA	8,500	7th Jan. 11 a.m.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
WAKADA	6,949	20th Jan.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	2nd Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ALBANS	4,500	4th Feb.	Manila, S'kan, Thursday Is.
WANDA	6,956	28th Feb.	Townsville, B'bane, S'ney
ARAFURA	6,000	1st Apr.	and Melbourne.

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DONGOLA	8,083	7th Jan.	Kobe only
MOOREA	10,911	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ITALY	10,000	11th Jan.	Kobe & Moji
KASHMIR	8,963	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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PENBROKESHIRE	29th Jan.	GLENBEG	26th Jan.
GLENIFFER	9th Feb.	GLENHIEL	15th Feb.
GLENOGLE	19th Feb.	GLENHIEL	15th Feb.

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PAUL LECAT			4th Jan. 1925.
ANDRE LEBON			18th "
AMBOISE	4th Dec.	5th Jan. 1925.	1st Feb. "
CHANTILLY	18th Dec.	19th Jan. "	15th Feb. "
PORTHOUS	1st Jan.	2nd Feb. "	1st Mar. "
AMAZONE	15th Jan.	16th Feb. "	15th Mar. "

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HAKUSAN MARU Wednesday, 14th Jan.

KITANO MARU Wednesday, 28th Jan.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM & Ports.

LIVERPOOL via ADEN & MARSEILLES.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

AKI MARU Tuesday, 20th Jan. at 11 a.m.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 18th Feb.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU Sunday, 4th Jan. 1925.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

RANGOON MARU Saturday, 3rd Jan.

TAMBA MARU Friday, 9th Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

GENOA MARU Wednesday, 7th Jan.

OSAKA MARU Sunday, 18th Jan.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 14th Jan.

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All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 6th Jan. 1925, will be subject to rent.

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United States Shipping Board.

Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Agents,

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE

4, Des Vaux Road.

Hongkong, December, 31st 1924.

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